MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 19, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Breeden Blackwell, Chair  Samuel Powell  Burr Sullivan
Lisa Estep  Lynn Raye  Jerry Vaughan
Frank Johnson  Scott Shook  Ann Whitford
Bill McBrayer  Bob Stephens

* Attended via phone
Members Absent: Todd Johnson and Clark Twiddy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Jennifer Haygood  Shanté Martin  David Johnson
Lisa Chapman  Mary Shuping  (Johnston CC)
Elizabeth Grovenstein  Chreatha Alston  Maria Pharr
Bryan Jenkins  Anne Bacon  (South Piedmont CC)
Maureen Little  Sondra Jarvis  Linda Suggs (Gates FND)
Brian Long

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Blackwell called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building in Raleigh, NC.

ROLL CALL
Mr. Jenkins took the roll of the Legislative Affairs Committee members.

ETHICS STATEMENT
Mr. Jenkins read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on April 19, 2018. Mr. Raye moved, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and the Committee approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on February 15, 2018. Ms. Whitford moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and the Committee approved.

FOR FUTURE ACTION
Special Provision: Revision to State Performance Measure (Attachment LEG 01)
Ms. Shuping stated this a requested change for the legislative budget bill. This is in relation to the Performance Measures that were discussed in Strategic Planning Committee. Ms. Shuping
reviewed the change. This request does not require additional funding. The change would add “natural sciences” to the current performance measure that includes the successful completion of a credit-bearing math class.

Mr. Raye made a motion to move Special Provision: Revision to State Performance Measure from Future Action to Action, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and the Committee approved.

Dr. Powell made a motion to approve Special Provision: Revision to State Performance Measure, seconded by Mr. Raye, and the Committee approved.

Special Provision: Codify Current Session Law on Reorganization of System Office
(Appendix LEG 02)
Ms. Shuping stated this a requested change for the legislative budget bill. This item addresses the authority of the System President to re-organize the System Office. The current language providing that authority, with approval of the State Board, is not codified and has to be requested every biennium. Currently the State Budget Act limits an agency’s ability to transfer funds between divisions. The current language expires at the end of this biennium. Approval of this change would update the statute permanently. President Haygood said codifying this session law would enable the President to review and find efficiencies within the System Office. Ms. Grovenstein clarified the current provision expires June 30, 2018.

Mr. Raye made a motion to move Special Provision: Codify Current Session Law on Reorganization of System Office from Future Action to Action, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and the Committee approved.

Ms. Whitford made a motion to approve Special Provision: Codify Current Session Law on Reorganization of System Office, seconded by Ms. Estep, and the Committee approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Legislative Update**
Ms. Shuping stated that colleges have been sharing what programs they will start with the short-term workforce training funds requested in the short session budget and the employers they will benefit. She believes that on first legislative priority, the Legislators seem to understand and support. There are more questions coming from the second legislative priority and IT system. Ms. Shuping is working with Mr. Parker’s team to put together a FAQ on the need for a modernized ERP. Another challenge is that there are a couple of other agencies with IT requests. IT funding does not have to come out of the Education budget, so hopefully the funding can come from another source.
While there will be a budget surplus, the House and Senate will be instituting a budget cap like last year which makes it harder to negotiate for more funding.

May 16th is first day of session and she believes that the spending caps will be set before session. Ms. Shuping said that the FAQ information for the ERP system will be shared with all stakeholders who will be speaking to the Legislators.

Campus / School safety. The House has established a committee with two workgroups. The workgroups have met once and are looking for some short-term solutions, but plan to continue meeting after the session is over. Higher-education is not a focus in the short session, but we have provided information about high schools on the college campuses and high school students attending classes on our campuses. The higher-education component will probably be addressed after the short session. Governor Cooper had a press conference and announced $20 million that would be allocated by the State Board for safety improvement on campuses.

President Haygood added that the proposed language, it would be up to the State Board to allocate, and it would be an application process. Ms. Shuping said she believes that the State Board would be able to put parameters within the language in the bill. Currently campus safety at our colleges is primarily funded by counties Some student fees and a portion of State funds support campus safety, but statutorily counties are responsible for funding campus safety. Governor Cooper’s proposal would add additional state funds toward campus safety.

Chairman Shook asked to move the two action items to the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Raye, and approved by the Committee.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business, Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. McBrayer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Whitford, and the committee adjourned at 3:59 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra Jarvis