

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 19, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Rose, Chair	Lynn Raye	Jerry Vaughan
Breeden Blackwell	Darrell Saunders	
Lisa Estep	Scott Shook	

Members Absent: Todd Johnson and Clark Twiddy

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmie Ford	Samuel Powell
Bill McBrayer	Candler Willis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jimmie Williamson	Maureen Little	Scott Corl
Lisa Chapman	Mary Shuping	Bryan Jenkins
Elizabeth Grovenstein	Shanté Martin	Sondra Jarvis
Jennifer Haygood	Chreatha Alston	Margaret Robertson

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Jarvis took the roll of the Legislative Affairs Committee members.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Rose asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the January 19, 2017 meeting as amended. Mr. Raye made the motion, seconded by Dr. Saunders, and approved via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Rose asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meetings on October 20, 2016 and November 17, 2016 as presented. Dr. Saunders made the motion, seconded by Dr. Blackwell, and approved via voice vote.

FOR INFORMATION

Proposed Proprietary School Legislation

Ms. Martin shared with the Legislative Affairs committee that the Policy committee approved supporting the separation of the Proprietary Schools with representation (appointment) from the System President and continuing to receive information on licensure.

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Legislative Guest

Ms. Shuping introduced Representative Hugh Blackwell to the Board. Rep. Blackwell shared his concerns going into the current legislative session.

- College or Credentials completion. The workforce needs 60-67% of adults with the post high school credential. In NC we have a long way to go. The community colleges are going to be needed to meet that goal.
- Would like to look at the funding formula and no long fund in arrears.
- Leviton is having a big problem in finding qualified employees. One of the issues raised was marketing. The Community College System isn't viewed as a good option versus the University system by students and parents. The system needs to recruit students to choose the community college.
- Community Colleges have to give courses that complete with certification that are recognized within the job force of North Carolina. There needs to be students and faculty that are lifelong learners.
- Guidance work to direct students in the high schools will be important to show students what is available.
- Need to continue work on salary increases for faculty.
- Career and College Readiness – there is a role to play by the community colleges. A few years ago, one of the first bills signed by Governor McCrory, each high school diploma lists whether a student is career, college, or both ready. There are not parameters defining how that is determined. He plans to introduce legislation to define career or college ready. He would like to get input on how that should be defined.

Mr. Raye commented said he agrees that there needs to be a requirement that a student should be able to read when they come out of school. The Community colleges are always picking up the pieces.

Mr. Vaughan said the fact that Rep. Blackwell connected NC GAP to marketing is wonderful. The momentum needs to be there for the marketing. Rep. Blackwell said the air is out of the NC GAP balloon and left in limbo. Money would need to be moved from one area to another to support the marketing.

Mr. Raye agreed that the career coaching is important, but there needs to be parent coaching also.

Chairman Shook said that we were ready for NC GAP, but the University system was not excited. He would like to see an incentive program for students that choose to go to the Community College System.

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Rep. Blackwell would like to see NC partner with Complete College America group which encourage accelerate student's completion schedule by taking a full load of classes by taking 15 credit hours per semester. It could mean less receipts but there would be an overall savings.

Looking 2-4 years ahead, you have to adjust based on what is happening during the year. Don't wait, be flexible to make internal adjustments. There needs to be agility like a profitable business would be.

Mr. McBrayer said the community colleges have to be cognizant of the audience. Not every student is right out of high school. Rep. Blackwell said that the mature student would benefit as well. Colleges need to offer the information in a way that allows the student to be flexible. Maybe a college could take a survey to see when it would be best for the students, not what time is good for the college.

Rep. Blackwell shared some hot button topics that will be addressed during the legislative session.

Mr. Rose thanked Rep Blackwell for bringing up the important things that are needed. We need to remember to focus on reading and mathematics. Rep Blackburn said that reading is the most important building block. Unfortunately, there are problems in K-12 that schools are trying to address.

Dr. Blackwell said there needs to be program in the public schools that address the needs of all the students, not just the "average students". Legislators need to be cognizant of the kids that are going to fall between the cracks because of special needs or the social limitations. Rep. Blackwell said that he has been an advocate for smaller class sizes to individualize help for each student. One of the expectations was better or more communication with the parents. Ms. Estep said that there also needs to be for support for special needs in the community college system. The smaller class sizes work, but there needs to teachers in that specialized training and specialized programs.

The committee thanked Representative Blackwell.

AACC Federal Legislative Agenda (Attachment LEG 1)

Ms. Shuping asked the members to review the attached AACC agenda and let her know if they have any questions.

FOR FUTURE ACTION

Additional Special Provisions – 2017-19 Biennium (Attachment LEG 2)

Ms. Haygood reviewed the additional special provisions recommended by staff.

- Ensure a Highly-Skilled Workforce Pipeline: allow high school students to enroll in courses leading to a state or industry credential

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- Youth Apprenticeship Tuition Waiver Clarification – will include “pre-apprenticeship” waivers.
- ERP Planning and Design Funding and Reporting
- Agency Exemptions from DIT Oversight

Chairman Shook motioned to move Additional Special Provisions from Future Action to Action, Mr. Raye seconded the motion and the committee approved via voice vote.

Ms. Estep motioned to approve the Additional Special Provisions for the 2017-19 Biennium. Chairman Shook seconded the motion and the committee approved via voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mr. Rose asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vaughan motioned, seconded by Mr. Raye and the committee adjourned at 4:54 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Jarvis
Recording Secretary