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State Board of Community Colleges
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 17, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Breeden Blackwell	Scott Shook	Clark Twiddy
Lynn Raye	Bob Stephens	Ann Whitford
Jim Rose	Burr Sullivan	

Members Absent: Lisa Estep and Jerry Vaughan

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Toni Formato	Frank Johnson
William Holder	Bill McBrayer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Haygood	Brian Long	Caroline Hipple (NCACCT)
Lisa Chapman	Shanté Martin	David Shockley (NCACCP)
Elizabeth Grovenstein	Jim Parker	Linda Suggs (Gates Fnd)
Bryan Jenkins	Mary Shuping	Julie Woodson (NCACCT)
Maureen Little	Sondra Jarvis	

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Blackwell called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in the Innovation Station at 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 January 17, 2018. Mr. Raye moved, seconded by Chairman Shook, and the Committee approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on November 15, 2018. Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, and the Committee approved.

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FOR ACTION

Chairman Blackwell shared that Ms. Shuping has fully briefed him on the items on the agenda. There is good information here and potential for a lot of good things to happen between the University System and the Community College System.

Requested Report Modifications (Attachment LEG 01)

Ms. Shuping directed the members to review LEG 01. The first few items should be familiar from the Issues Luncheon. These are the report modifications that came out of the State Board Governance Committee recommendations. The recommended change of the reporting entity being the System Office rather than the State Board of Community Colleges would be to the following reports:

- Customized Training (add report date of September 1st)
- Tuition Waivers
- Report on Capital Projects Utilizing Delegated Construction Authority
- Voluntary Shared Leave.

Ms. Shuping reviewed the purpose of each of these reports. Each one of the reports are informational, not policy making, and there are no discretionary decisions for the State Board members to make. The System Office will still provide a copy of the reports to the members for their information. Ms. Shuping stated these items were before the Committee for discussion and approval.

Chairman Blackwell asked why State Human Resources Commission would want to know who donated leave to their co-workers within the colleges? Ms. Shuping said that is an excellent question. Chairman Blackwell said it is just another report and unfunded mandate in government.

Chairman Blackwell requested a motion on the State Board Governance Committee recommendations with the addition of the change to September 1st for the reporting date for Customized Training. Mr. Stephens verified that the motion covered the first four reporting requirements listed on Requested Report Modifications (Attachment LEG 01). Ms. Shuping confirmed.

Mr. Stephens motioned to approve the State Board Governance Committee recommendations with the addition of the change to September 1st for the reporting date for Customized Training listed on Requested Report Modifications (Attachment LEG 01), seconded by Mr. Twiddy. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Ms. Shuping stated that the Other Recommendations on second page of agenda item represent recommendations by Staff and did not come up through the State Board Governance

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Committee. Ms. Shuping outlined the reason for the recommended changes in the following reports.

- Evaluation of Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS) (combine with CCP)
- Success of Students in Career & College Promise (CCP) (combine with CIHS)
- Apprenticeship Council Reporting (add report date of September 1st and change the statute to show that the report is submitted to Education Oversight and House and Senate Education Appropriation Committees)

Dr. Blackwell asked if the Board of Governors also needs the CIHS report also. Ms. Shuping stated they have a part of that report, but she is not sure how many of the Cooperative Innovative High Schools they have.

Ms. Whitford asked if they are combined into one report, in the future, would Staff work collaboratively between the systems to get the report done. Ms. Shuping stated that Staff currently does that now. Dr. Lisa Eads works with the staff at Department of Public Instruction to coordinate data. The reports would still be submitted to the State Board for approval. The State Board of Education would also need to approve. The goal is to make it more efficient by combining the reports since much of the information is the same.

Ms. Shuping emphasized with both Customized Training and Apprenticeship Council reports are the only ones at this time that go to the General Assembly that do not have a definite reporting date.

Ms. Whitford asked, “What is the Apprenticeship Council?” Ms. Little shared that it is made up of representatives from business and industry, from employer led industry (union representatives), and three public members at large. One is from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, one is from the North Carolina Public School System, and the other is an open position. Those individuals suggest policy changes to certain governmental regulations both USDOL and any that may be within North Carolina. Ms. Whitford said that the item states that the report is through the Community College System Office. Ms. Little stated that System Office Staff will make the report and present to the Council for approval. Once approved, staff will submit it to the Legislature.

Mr. Raye motioned to approve the Other Recommendations listed on Requested Report Modifications (Attachment LEG 01), seconded by Mr. Twiddy. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Change to Number of Mandatory Annual Meetings (Attachment LEG 02)

Chairman Blackwell recognized Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephens asked, based on the issues brought up at the lunch earlier, that this item go back to the State Board Governance Committee.

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Mr. Stephens made a motion to defer Change to Number of Mandatory Annual Meetings (Attachment LEG 02) to give the Governance Committee an opportunity to review the proposal and then bring back to this committee later, seconded by Mr. Raye. Dr. Blackwell opened the floor for discussion. Dr. Blackwell stated that the Governance Committee has done a yeoman's job so far and we need to work toward agreement among the Board about meeting frequency. Discussed when this item will be presented in the future. Mr. Stephens said the comments were good and deserved the attention of the Governance Committee. There is no prediction of what the committee will decide based on the information and they could possibly come back with nothing at all. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

The Committee discussed that since the February meetings will be telephonic, the State Board Governance will wait till March to convene and discuss the feedback from the Board discussion.

Joint UNC Board of Governors and SBCC Legislative Agenda (Attachment LEG 03)

Ms. Shuping stated the last item is new to the System. This is the product of collaboration on a joint Legislative request. These recommendations were worked on by President Hans, President Spellings, Ms. Haygood, and Mr. Andrew Kelly at the UNC System. Ms. Shuping reviewed the details of the priorities which include:

1. Summer Scholarships for UNC and NCCCS Students
2. Transfer Student Scholarships
 - a. Would provide a \$1,000 scholarship to 4,000 students.
 - b. President Hans and Ms. Haygood shared the importance of these recommendations and the benefits for UNC, NCCCS, and the students.
 - c. Dr. Blackwell asked to get a copy of the graph that has been shared in the past which communicates the number of students or percent that graduated on time that had a two-year associates degree. Dr. Chapman stated that she will provide the information.
3. Improve Credit Transfer for Community College and Military-affiliated Students
4. Expand the Availability of Open Educational Resources (OER)

Mr. Raye asked when the community college students are graduating and moving to the University system, are the students still having trouble. President Hans said there is still more trouble than there should be. The comprehensive agreement exists, but unfortunately depending on the major and requirements for the major, some of the associate degree credits will only count as electives. There is a good start, but there is still work to be done to make sure that the process is smooth for the student. Currently, everything will transfer, but whether it will transfer into the major the student has selected can be the issue. Mr. Rose shared his son's personal experience and issues with classes that counted toward a certification rather than for transfer credit which have the same content. Dr. Chapman said that the TAC is aware of the issue and will be working on resolving this issue.

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President Hans complemented Ms. Haygood for working through all the details of this agreement. Also thanked Chairman Shook for attending, with him, the UNC Board of Governors meeting a few months ago to help introduce this idea.

Chairman Blackwell reminded the Committee that approving this item is just part of the Legislative agenda, not all the Legislative agenda.

Mr. Raye made a motion to approve the Joint UNC Board of Governors and SBCC Legislative Agenda, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Legislative Update

- The General Assembly convened to be sworn in on January 9, 2019 and will come back to start business on January 30, 2019.
- The Senate has made their committee appointments. Full appropriation chairs are the same as last time. All three of our former Education Appropriation co-chairs are no longer there. This time, there are two, Senator Tillman and Senator Ballard.
- The House has not made sub-committee or committee appointments. Many of the chairs are the same as last time. The Education Appropriations Committee has not been appointed yet but believe it will be the same as prior session.
- Ms. Shuping shared that Senator Todd Johnson, former SBCC Member will be serving on Appropriations on Education / Higher Education committee and Education / Higher Education committee.
- Ms. Shuping stated that once final appointments are made, that will be shared with the Board.
- The Speaker has recommended a bond that he will be introducing for public schools, community colleges, and UNC. The Senate is generally not as supportive of additional bonds. Legislative Day scheduled for April 3, 2019.

The Legislative Affairs Committee may need to be ready once called into action. As bills are filed that impact the System, Ms. Shuping will share the that information.

Chairman Blackwell stated he would like to leave it to Ms. Shuping to determine if a special meeting of Legislative Affairs needs to occur to plan for session. Also, does there need to be a joint meeting with presidents and trustees to discuss legislative strategies? Ms. Shuping stated there is a meeting to discuss the plan prior to going over to the Legislature. President Hans shared that lots of planning has been occurring in conjunction with Dr. Shockley and Ms. Woodson to prepare for Legislative Day. The unity of the family has been critical component to our mission this session.

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Ms. Shuping stated she will provide a copy of the Legislative Priorities as well as talking points that have been provided to the presidents. Discussed the importance of the agenda and everyone being on the same page and making the most of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McBrayer stated he understands that the Speaker's bond has our funding equal with the UNC system, but has there been conversation about there are only seventeen colleges in the UNC System and the Community College System has 58? President Hans said that some Legislators would make the argument that there is a shared state and local responsibility with fiscal facilities within the Community College System that does not exist in the UNC System. The Speaker's bond package had no momentum two years ago was only for public schools and it now incorporates the Community College System. The Legislature is being responsive to the needs and we appreciate that. We are appreciative to be at the table.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mr. Rose asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Raye made the motion, seconded by Mr. McBrayer, and the committee adjourned at 4:25 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Jarvis