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**State Board of Community Colleges
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 20, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Rose, Chair	Lynn Raye	Clark Twiddy
Lisa Estep	Scott Shook	Jerry Vaughan
Todd Johnson		

Members Absent: Breeden Blackwell

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roderick Gooden	Ernest Pearson	Burr Sullivan
Frank Johnson	Samuel Powell	Ann Whitford
Bill McBrayer	Scott Shook	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jimmie Williamson	Mary Shuping	Lynn Austin (NCACCT)
Elizabeth Grovenstein	Scott Corl	Linda Suggs (Gates Fnd)
Jennifer Haygood	Sondra Jarvis	Eric Naisbitt (Senator Barefoot's Office)
Bryan Jenkins	Libby Self	

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building.

ROLL CALL

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

ETHICS STATEMENT

Mr. Raye 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 meeting on July 20, 2017. Mr. Raye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twiddy, and the committee approved via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Rose asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on May 18, 2017 as presented. Mr. Twiddy made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Vaughan, and the committee approved via voice vote.

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FOR INFORMATION

Review of 2017 Session (Attachment LEG 01)

Ms. Shuping reviewed the information in the comprehensive legislative report.

There were several items where the System requested recurring funds, but received non-recurring funds. This was an issue across all agencies this budget cycle.

In the short session, there may be an additional funding ask for CIS as the ERP system work continues. The committee discussed funding that has been appropriated and the need for more flexibility that this item allows.

The request for System Office staff to be exempt from the transfer to DIT was only successful in the House. It was not included in the final budget bill, but it can still be addressed in the short session. There is a transition plan due by October 2018.

Mr. Raye asked why multi-campus funding was a problem the budget. Ms. Shuping said that legislators are starting to take a deeper look at approvals like this item. There was no particular issue, but the issue could have been caused by the tight budget. The college followed all the procedures they were required to follow.

Under the Special Appropriations, Ms. Shuping pointed out that Stanly Community College is prohibited to have a culinary program at a location other than the main campus. The language is due to a local issue.

The funding for Hurricane Matthew Relief is the first time that there has been funding approved directly related to FTE loss due and students to a disaster which sets a precedent.

Other Legislation of interest:

- Request for an Articulation Agreement between SBCC and UNC BOG on Early Childhood Education Program. Must be developed by March 1, 2018.
- NC GAP – UNC has a plan for completion of their undergraduate program, however if any UNC institution would revert back to the NC GAP legislation.
- NC Proprietary School Board becoming independent got held up at the end of session, but it is eligible in short session and the bill sponsor is still committed.
- Senate Bill 420 is eligible for the short session. There was a move to hear the bill, not requested by bill sponsor or any board member. It was calendared, but the sponsor and Ms. Shuping were able to get it pulled. What they did learn is that there is a proposed committee substitute (PCS) that would replace language. The language would create a task force that would be made up of five members of State Board, System President ex-officio, four members by Presidents Association, and four members by Trustees Association. They let the rules chair know that there is already a committee formed, so

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it was willing to remove it from the calendar. Once the Governance Task Force has worked on the language of the bill, it will be introduced during the short session.

New Reports from SBCC:

- Success of Students in Career & College Promise
- High School Student Waivers for Non-Credit CTE Courses
- Career & College Promise Program Costs

Mr. Rose thanked Ms. Shuping and asked if the committee could look at the Legislator's hot buttons during this session and discuss ways to approach communicating the system's priorities in the future. Ms. Shuping said that there is a plan to debrief once it quiets down.

Mr. Raye many schools have lost FTE. It is his understanding is that New York State is offering free tuition for tech schools and there are a few states doing this. There is a good chance this topic will be something the State Board will need to address. Ms. Shuping said that it is a topic that has been in discussion. The Governor spoke about NC Grown, but it did not get traction in the General Assembly. President Williamson said that NY is targeted for high demands programs.

The committee discussed what is expected out of the General Assembly between now and the short session which starts in May.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mr. Rose asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Raye motioned, seconded by Mr. Twiddy and the committee adjourned at 4:17 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Jarvis