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State Board of Community Colleges
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 17, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Holder	Lynn Raye	Jerry Vaughan
Frank Johnson	Jim Rose	Ann Whitford
Bill McBrayer	Scott Shook	
Samuel Powell	Burr Sullivan	

Members Absent: Breeden Blackwell, Lisa Estep, Todd Johnson, Bob Stephens, and Clark Twiddy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Hans	Bryan Jenkins	Chreatha Alston
Jennifer Haygood	Maureen Little	Anne Bacon
Lisa Chapman	Brian Long	Bill Ingram
Elizabeth Grovenstein	Mary Shuping	(Durham TCC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shook called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. at Wake Technical Community College North Campus, Building F, Room NF 225 in Raleigh, NC.

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

Chairman Shook asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on May 17, 2018. Mr. Raye moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and the Committee approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Shook asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on April 19, 2018. Mr. Raye moved, seconded by Mr. Vaughan, and the Committee approved.

FOR INFORMATION

Legislative Update

Ms. Shuping shared that the legislature is moving quickly and the goal is to present the budget in the next couple of weeks and finish the short session by mid to late June. The House and Senate Education Appropriations Chairs and the House and Senate Appropriations Chairs are aware of the System priorities. Since President Hans joined the System, May 1st, he has been

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talking with legislators about the legislative agenda. President Hans agreed that the pace of the session has been remarkable. The budget writing process has been underway for weeks and months. The workforce training priority is the most likely to be approved because it aligns with the Legislature's priorities. The appropriation chairs have been supportive and appear receptive to requests.

The ERP item has been challenging to explain to Legislators. Staff is communicating that the goal of updating the ERP is to run the system more like a streamlined business. There has been significant progress communicating this item, but there may be more legislative focus on technology upgrades for the State Controller's Office.

It remains to be seen if there will be non-recurring funds available for the equipment request that is part of the System Priorities. There has not been a lot of progress on the tuition cap. That issue will require more conversation, education, and reframing. To build the System position and obtain the resources that are needed to be successful on every front will be a marathon, not a sprint.

Mr. F. Johnson asked about the dynamic between the House and Senate for the session. President Hans stated that it is not anticipated that there will be a House version of the budget and a Senate version of the budget. It is anticipated that a conference report will be moved forward for approval. The House and Senate are coordinating quite closely.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the committee chairs understood how helpful the workforce training would be to businesses. President Hans said that the message has been presented as simple as possible with list of programs, the funding that each college would receive, and the industries that the program would support. Targeted calls have been made by trustees and presidents.

Chairman Shook asked who the allies have been. Ms. Shuping said Representative Linda Johnson continues to be a strong supporter. The House and Senate Education Appropriation Chairs understand the importance of workforce, and they also feel it is a top priority.

President Hans said in long term the System needs to identify how to visibly put the business community forward on any number of our requests.

Ms. Shuping reviewed the proposed process for Senate Bill 420, CC Board of Trustees/Governance, to move through now that the language has been re-worked and moving the bill forward will be a unified effort with trustees and presidents.

ADJOURN

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There being no other business, Chairman Shook asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. McBrayer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Whitford, and the committee adjourned at 4:34 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Jarvis