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State Board of Community Colleges
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 19, 2022

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Bill McBrayer, Chair	Dr. Lee Barnes*	Mr. Mark Merritt
Ms. Julie Ryan, Vice-Chair	Mr. Tom Looney	
Mr. Ray Trapp	The Hon. Terry Van Duyn	Mr. Jerry Vaughan

*Attended via zoom

Absent: The Hon. Sam Searcy

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Ray Russell	Mr. Burr Sullivan*
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COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Mr. Hank Daniel, JCC*	Dr. Dale McInnis, RCC-H*	Mr. Julian Philpott, CCCC*
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OTHERS

Mr. Alex Fagg	Dr. Mark Poarch, CCCTI	President Thomas Stith,
Ms. Tiffany Howell		NCCCS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McBrayer called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ETHICS STATEMENT

Mr. McBrayer 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. McBrayer asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting of May 19, 2022 Mr. Looney moved, seconded by Mr. Merritt, approved via voice vote. Mr. McBrayer asked for a motion to approve the February 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Van Duyn moved, seconded by Mr. Looney, approved via voice vote.

FOR INFORMATION

Legislative Update

Mr. McBrayer provided a brief update regarding the short session. He noted the session began yesterday. Mr. McBrayer stated the budget work has begun, noting the Governor released his budget (proposal), which was favorable for community colleges. He asked Mr. Fagg to discuss further. Mr. Fagg stated the coming budget is an adjustment budget, he noted a two-year

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biennial budget has already been passed and the budget currently under review is an adjustment budget. Mr. Fagg stated the budget does fund the three-year plan approved by the Full Board, Presidents Association, and Trustees.

Mr. Looney asked how close the Governor's budget is to the request. Mr. Fagg responded the salary budget is an additional two and a half percent (2.5%) to the two and a half percent (2.5%) we are set to receive, which is over by one and a half percent (1.5%). He stated the capacity funding was requested at \$46 million and the budget was proposed at about \$50 million.

Mr. McBrayer stated the colleges' legislative meetings were effective in sharing the message for the three-year budget.

Mr. McBrayer announced Community College Day is June 8th at 10:00am in the Caswell Building. He stated meeting will take place throughout the day with a recognition meeting at 4:00pm in the Legislative Chamber.

Mr. McBrayer welcomed Dr. McInnis, Dr. McInnis stated the meetings presidents are having with local delegation are supporting the establishment of relationships and beginning to see evidence in the feedback received. He stated he is sharing the message is that short session is anticipated to be short and lead right into the committee work. He stated the plan is to continue to express the three-year budget during the campaign timeframe, as the message is also about the biennium budget. He stated in January the legislators will go back into session and the hope is to have the request at the fronts of their minds. Dr. McInnis stated he believes we have a great plan moving forward and a lot of momentum.

Mr. McBrayer welcomed Mr. Philpott. Mr. Philpott stated the consolidated message is helping to make a difference. He stated positive results are being seen. He stated the consolidated message and three-year plan approved by the Board, NCACCP, NCACCT has assisted is moving support.

President Stith stated he has met with Senate Budget chairs and House Budget chairs and concur with the previous report. He acknowledged the understanding the short session is expected to be short. He congratulated everyone for their hard work and reminded everyone this is a three-year plan, which should strategically position for the short session and moving forward. President Stith stated it will be key to continue sharing the message moving forward.

Mr. McBrayer stated updates will continue to be received.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McBrayer stated Mr. Jonathan Harris, delegate for the Lt. Governor, met with Mr. McBrayer to visit and tour Catawba Valley Community College along with Senator Adams and Senator Proctor. He stated Mr. Harris is very supportive of the community colleges.

Mr. Looney acknowledged the work of combining the message and having engagement from trustees as well. He suggested talking point that he used through his communication with legislators. Mr. Fagg stated they are working on a “leave behind” document and encouraged sharing ideas. Mr. Looney shared the importance of keeping the materials updated.

ADJOURN

Mr. McBrayer declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Howell