



2018-19 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

State Board of Community Colleges; NC Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP); NC Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT)

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY	2018-19	
	RECURRING	NON-RECURRING
CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP: INVEST IN SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS LEADING TO INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS		
<p><i>Fund short-term continuing education programs in Tier 1A, 1B & Tier 2 at the same rate as curriculum programs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures local business & industry has quick & easy access to a highly-skilled, well-trained workforce. Allows colleges to quickly start or expand workforce con-ed programs in response to local need & not be bound by traditional academic calendar. 	\$16,525,254	
MODERNIZE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM		
<p><i>Fund modernization of Enterprise Information Technology System.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modernize outdated IT system used by all 58 colleges to ensure a sustainable system that enables efficient and consistent operations benefitting both students and faculty/staff. 	\$15,000,000	
ENSURE COLLEGES CONTINUE TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO IT STAFF		
<p><i>Exempt System Office from transfer to the Department of Information Technology (DIT).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transfer would compromise the ability of the President and State Board to set IT priorities for the 58 community colleges, and placing IT staff under a Cabinet agency would be detrimental to colleges. 	No appropriation.	
INCENTIVIZE STUDENT ACCESS & COMPLETION		
<p><i>Cap Tuition at 12 Credit Hours.</i> Currently, students must pay tuition up to a maximum of 16 credit hours. Capping tuition at 12 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could incentivize increased credit-hour enrollment leading to faster completion. Reduces costs to students and families. Brings the Community Colleges in line with the UNC System. 	\$19,306,774	
<p><i>Fund State Bd. of Community Colleges approved multi-campuses.</i> Support new multi-campus college locations to provide additional access to a State-Board approved convenient locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forsyth Tech Transportation Campus Wake Tech RTP Campus Richmond Community College Scotland County Campus 	\$1,644,876	
<p><i>Allow Colleges to Earn FTE for Instruction in Local Jails.</i> Currently, colleges can provide classes to inmates on a self-support basis only. Changing this will incentivize colleges to provide more short-term job skill training, an important component for reducing recidivism.</p>	No appropriation.	
ENSURE HS STUDENTS ARE CAREER & COLLEGE READY		
<p><i>Fund professional development to implement the Career & College Ready Graduate Program.</i> Funding to support the development & delivery of professional development for high school faculty who will be teaching developmental (remedial) math and English to seniors through the Career & College Ready Graduate Program.</p>	\$135,000	\$220,000
ENSURE STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO 21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT		
<p><i>Invest in up-to-date equipment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure students are trained on modern equipment and in modern facilities so they are ready to perform in the workplace on day 1. Allow colleges to spend these funds over 36 months to enable colleges to plan for & equip projects including those funded with ConnectNC bonds. 		\$15,000,000
SUPPORT FACULTY AND STAFF		
<p><i>Allow Performance-Based Funding Bonuses.</i> Allow community colleges to use their performance-based funds for performance-based bonuses for faculty & staff.</p>	No appropriation. Statutory change.	
<p><i>Increase College Faculty & Staff Salaries.</i> Provide salary increase for faculty & staff in the same amount as State Employees. Average faculty salaries were ranked 41 out of 50 states (SREB 2015-16).</p>	Same as State employees.	
TOTAL	\$52,611,904	\$15,220,000

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College-by-College Funding: Workforce Training & Equipment

College*	Recurring Short-Term Workforce	Non-Recurring Equipment
Alamance CC	\$150,621	\$271,330
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	\$268,514	\$435,230
Beaufort County CC	\$120,251	\$127,330
Bladen CC	\$129,287	\$123,563
Blue Ridge CC	\$186,747	\$171,539
Brunswick CC	\$189,298	\$137,779
Caldwell CC & TI	\$542,806	\$230,390
Cape Fear CC	\$324,233	\$461,031
Carteret CC	\$162,459	\$150,999
Catawba Valley CC	\$330,950	\$302,745
Central Carolina CC	\$427,799	\$363,444
Central Piedmont CC	\$244,676	\$966,095
Cleveland CC	\$313,924	\$212,692
Coastal Carolina CC	\$349,324	\$271,614
College of The Albemarle	\$127,254	\$172,890
Craven CC	\$330,252	\$217,810
Davidson County CC	\$148,110	\$251,215
Durham TCC	\$210,169	\$295,424
Edgecombe CC	\$136,435	\$174,667
Fayetteville TCC	\$1,958,057	\$758,198
Forsyth TCC	\$333,042	\$497,706
Gaston College	\$89,720	\$314,402
Guilford TCC	\$508,487	\$589,678
Halifax CC	\$54,688	\$120,223
Haywood CC	\$117,156	\$149,008
Isothermal CC	\$132,742	\$169,549
James Sprunt CC	\$104,403	\$124,203
Johnston CC	\$417,559	\$270,548
Lenoir CC	\$1,326,039	\$278,722

College*	Recurring Short-Term Workforce	Non-Recurring Equipment
Martin CC	\$105,479	\$95,560
Mayland CC	\$210,943	\$125,838
McDowell TCC	\$42,370	\$112,973
Mitchell CC	\$171,928	\$187,603
Montgomery CC	\$67,572	\$111,409
Nash CC	\$229,919	\$208,925
Pamlico CC	\$27,896	\$90,158
Piedmont CC	\$278,117	\$139,626
Pitt CC	\$262,516	\$480,790
Randolph CC	\$182,307	\$202,102
Richmond CC	\$295,218	\$201,676
Roanoke-Chowan CC	\$184,617	\$95,062
Robeson CC	\$388,024	\$186,252
Rockingham CC	\$72,520	\$148,013
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	\$464,185	\$363,302
Sampson CC	\$174,848	\$142,185
Sandhills CC	\$191,233	\$274,457
South Piedmont CC	\$426,182	\$181,845
Southeastern CC	\$174,777	\$168,412
Southwestern CC	\$218,154	\$199,543
Stanly CC	\$155,322	\$215,464
Surry CC	\$285,880	\$218,378
Tri-County CC	\$123,091	\$110,841
Vance-Granville CC	\$219,197	\$213,901
Wake TCC	\$1,243,629	\$1,151,460
Wayne CC	\$147,035	\$247,022
Western Piedmont CC	\$87,132	\$162,371
Wilkes CC	\$203,252	\$212,124
Wilson CC	\$156,909	\$142,684
TOTAL	\$16,525,254	\$15,000,000

LOCAL IMPACTS

* College-by-college allocations are based upon Fall 2017 FTE and will be updated when final data is available.



2018-19 TALKING POINTS FOR TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

INVEST IN SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS LEADING TO INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

Fund short-term continuing education programs in high cost/high demand areas at the same rate as curriculum programs.

\$16,525,254 Recurring Funds

Increased Funding for Short-Term Workforce Training Programs Helps Business & Industry and Students.

Less Regulation: Do not have to wait for State Board of Community Colleges and accreditation agency (SACS) approvals.

Flexible Scheduling

- Colleges can start and students can complete workforce continuing education programs more quickly than traditional academic programs, enabling colleges to be even more responsive to new technologies and economic conditions.
- Scheduling can be done around the needs of business and students instead of being bound by the traditional academic calendar.

Lower Cost to Students & Families

- Continuing education fees are lower than curriculum tuition costs.
 - Curriculum Tuition: \$76/credit hour for NC residents & \$268/credit hour for non-residents.
 - Workforce Continuing Education Registration Fee: \$180 per course.
- Students would not be eligible for federal financial aid, but because of the greatly reduced cost, local scholarship programs could support many more students.

Instructional Options Based on Local Needs

- Colleges would continue to have the option to offer curriculum programs where an academic credential is required or desired by an employer for employment.
- Ensures local business & industry has quick & easy access to a highly-skilled, well-trained workforce.

MODERNIZE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

Fund modernization of Enterprise Information Technology System.

\$15,000,000 Recurring Funds

Funding for a New IT System Increases Student Success & Outcomes & Boosts Data-Driven Decision-Making

Current IT System Used by 58 Community Colleges Is Outdated, Inefficient & At End-of-Life:

- Cannot be sustained due to age of system.
- Not user-friendly, especially for our students.
- Does not provide information necessary to make data-driven decisions.

Modernized IT System Will Have Long-Term Return-On-Investment

- Will reduce costs, increase efficiencies, and improve services to students, including recruitment, engagement & retention.
- Will improve information provided to key stakeholders, including the General Assembly and business & industry partners.
- Will increase data quality and data integrity.

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2018-19 Talking Points for Top Legislative Priorities (cont'd)

ENSURE COLLEGES CONTINUE TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO IT STAFF

Exempt System Office from transfer to the Department of Information Technology (DIT).

No appropriation required.

IT Staff Should Remain with the System Office to Ensure that Community Colleges Remain Efficient & Effective
CC System Office IT Staff Critical to Statewide Community College Mission

- Community College System Office IT staff work *directly* with the 58 colleges.
- IT staff work closely with other System Office staff to ensure IT changes necessary to implement policy changes are timely implemented.

Community Colleges' IT Needs Are Unique From Other State Agencies

- Higher education IT needs and expertise are significantly different than IT needs in other State agencies.
- Community College IT staff must understand IT as it relates to student registration, financial aid, and transcripts.

CC System President & State Board of Community Colleges Should Govern Community College IT Policy

- Transferring System Office IT staff to DIT will put them in a Cabinet Agency and no longer under the supervision of the System President & the State Board of Community Colleges, which would be detrimental to local colleges.
- System President and State Board of Community colleges would no longer be able to set IT priorities.
- Local community college presidents & staff will no longer be able to contact the System Office when they need IT assistance.
- IT staff at our higher education partner – the UNC System – are exempt from transfer to DIT.

INCENTIVIZE STUDENT ACCESS & COMPLETION

Lower Cap on Tuition from 16 Credit Hours to 12 Credit Hours.

\$19,306,774 Cost to the State

Capping Tuition at 12 Credit Hours Benefits Students, Their Families, and Business & Industry

Incentivizes Faster Completion

- May incentivize increased credit-hour enrollment, leading to faster completion and entry into the workforce.

Lower Costs

- Reduces costs to students and families.

Further Aligns Community Colleges with the UNC System

- Tuition at UNC institutions is capped at 12 credit hours per semester.