



## State Board of Community Colleges

Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 20, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
(TELEPHONIC)

### CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification, Chair Linwood Powell called the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) Telephonic Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The call originated from the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building. The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Bryan Jenkins called the roll and the following members were present:

Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Vice Chair*	Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair*
Ms. Kendra Cotton (Rep. for State Treasurer)*	Dr. Samuel Powell*
Representative Jimmie Ford*	Mr. Lynn Raye*
Dr. Stuart Fountain*	Dr. Darrell Saunders*
Mr. Wesley Fricks*	Mr. Scott Shook*
Mr. Clyde Higgs*	Mr. Jerry Vaughan*
Mr. Bobby Irwin*	Mr. Hal Weatherman (Rep. for Lt. Governor Dan Forest)*
Ms. Janet Lowder*	Ms. Ann Whitford
Mr. Ernest Pearson*	Dr. Candler Willis*
Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland*	Mr. James Woody*

\*Attended by telephone

Absent: Mr. La'Quon Rogers

### ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of the Board of the ethical requirements for public servants and requested that members identify any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with respect to any item on the agenda. Having so requested, the Chair asked that the record reflect no conflicts.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Willis asked that his comments from January's board meeting regarding the dangers about allowing federal government giving a free ride for community colleges be included in the minutes. Dr. Willis made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the January 16, 2015 meeting of the State Board of Community Colleges, Dr. Samuel Powell seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

The Chair polled the committee chairs as to any changes they might wish to make to the agenda and the results were as follows:

**POLICY COMMITTEE, Mr. Lynn Raye, Chair**

Mr. Raye stated Policy Committee requested to suspend the rules and move Attachment POL 3 – Review for Approval of Initial Proprietary School Licensure from Future Action to Action.

**PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Dr. Samuel Powell, Chair**

Dr. Sam Powell stated Program Services Committee had no changes to the agenda.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Chair**

Mr. Bailey stated Finance Committee had no changes to the agenda.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Chair**

Dr. Fountain stated Strategic Planning Committee had all their items for information.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Mr. Clyde Higgs, Chair**

Mr. Higgs stated Personnel Committee no changes to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Fountain made a motion to approve the agenda, Representative Ford seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Representative Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda as recommended, Ms. Lowder seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Items approved on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

**PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Dr. Samuel Powell, Chair**

Cooperative Innovative High School (Attachment PROG 7)

Curriculum Program Application (New to System) (Attachment PROG 8)

South Piedmont Community College

Musculoskeletal Sonography (Certificate) [C45xxx]

Tiered Funding Formula Recommendation – MSK Musculoskeletal Sonography

Basic Skills Plus Career Pathway Request (Attachment PROG 9)

Mayland Community College – Welding (CU)

Curriculum Standard Revision (Attachment PROG 10)

Blue Ridge Community College – Brewing, Distillation and Fermentation [A15250]

Curriculum Program Applications (Fast Track for Action) (Attachment PROG 11)

Fayetteville Technical Community College – Gunsmithing [A30200]

Isothermal Community College – Agribusiness Technology [A15100]

Continuing Education Master Course List (Attachment PROG 12)

New Course Approvals, Modifications, and Tier Designations

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Chair**

Allocation for BioNetwork Host Colleges (Attachment FC 7)

Contract Renewal Broadband Connectivity (Attachment FC 9)

Construction and Property (Attachment FC 10)

**Reports:**

No reports from NCACCP or NCACCT were given during the meeting. The N4CSGA report was in the February State Board packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICY COMMITTEE, Mr. Lynn Raye, Chair**

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Mr. Raye reviewed, recommended and moved that the following item be approved by the board:

Review for Approval of Initial Proprietary School Licensure (Attachment POL 3)

*Right Choice Dental Assisting School, LLC – Fayetteville NC*

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, Dr. Sam Powell, Chair**

Dr. Sam Powell outlined the details of the proposed Articulation Agreement (Attachment PROG 5). It is a statewide agreement that supports academic progression for registered nurses moving between the North Carolina Community Colleges and the constituent institutions of the university in order to complete the Bachelor of Science and Nursing degree. Students who follow the progression degree plan will meet the entrance requirements at all RN to BSN programs. If approved, the articulation agreement will be effective August 1, 2015. Eligibility requirements are that the student must enter the community college nursing program after the effective date of the Articulation Agreement. The student must earn an associate in science degree with a GPA of 2.0 and a grade of C or better on all RN/BSN articulated courses. Admission to the college is not automatic.

Dr. Fountain said that he has worked with other stakeholders in the medical field and he is happy to see this move forward. He stated this is a 3 + 1 program where students can accomplish most of the course work in three years and finish the course work in the last year at the university.

Mr. Vaughan asked why the final thirty hours have to be taken at the university. Dr. Chapman said those last thirty hours are upper level nursing classes that community colleges do not offer.

Dr. Fountain pointed out that the community colleges do not have the faculty to provide that training.

Mr. Fricks said this issue is complex. He made a motion to postpone the voting until the ad hoc committee, that Dr. Samuel Powell co-chairs, releases its findings. Mr. Fricks recommended

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**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, Dr. Sam Powell, Chair**

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that the board vote be postponed till April. He felt if the board moves forward without final information, it could be more of a barrier to the students. Mr. Fricks said that if we support this, the requirement for a minimum of Bachelor of Science of Nursing could become the norm. Mrs. Whitford stated it was her understanding that the articulation agreement removes barriers. Dr. Willis stated, Mr. Fricks' opinion was voiced during the Programs Committee meeting and it was the minority. Dr. Sam Powell commented that as co-chair, along with President Mary Rittling, of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Community College Nursing, all aspects of offering the Baccalaureate Nursing Degree are being discussed. Dr. Sam Powell stated the item being addressed today is removing roadblocks and it is streamlining the process for those nurses who want to get a Baccalaureate Degree. Mr. Fricks' motion did not receive a second.

On behalf of the Programs Committee, Dr. Sam Powell recommended and moved that the following item be approved by the board:

Proposed Uniform Articulation Agreement Between The University of North Carolina RN to SBN Programs and the North Carolina Community College System Associate Degree Nursing Programs (Attachment PROG 5)

The above item was approved by voice vote with two dissenting votes.

On behalf of the Programs Committee, Dr. Sam Powell recommended and moved that the following item be approved by the board:

Associate in Engineering Articulation Agreement (Attachment PROG 6)

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Chair**

Mr. Bailey brought to the members' attention the information item Attachment FC 5 – Enrollment Update. Mr. Bailey stated the Finance Committee feels this item will answer a number of questions brought up by board members and Ms. Haygood will present this document at the March meeting.

Attachment FC 6 – Process for Periodically Revising Course Tier Designations was a proposal based on a request from the General Assembly. Ms. Haygood reviewed the three-step process as well as the flow chart included in the agenda item.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Bailey recommended and moved that the following item be approved by the board:

Attachment FC 6 – Process for Periodically Revising Course Tier Designations

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Chair**

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Dr. Williams said Attachment FC 8 – Contract for the Friday Institute – CIS Sizing and Cost Project is a follow-up to the \$100,000 request to initiate the project from the December 2014 board meeting. The Friday Institute completed that work without incurring expense. After determining the deliverables and the pilot colleges, the new figure is \$500,000 (total cost which includes the \$100,000 approved in December).

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Bailey recommended and moved that the following item be approved by the board:

Attachment FC 8 – Contract for the Friday Institute – CIS Sizing and Cost Project

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Mr. Clyde Higgs, Chair**

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Higgs reviewed, recommended, and moved the following item be approved by the board:

Salary Increases Greater than 10% (Attachment PER 1)

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The board went into closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statutes:

1) Section 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 115D-27 and 2) Section 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the conditions of appointment of an individual public employee.

The Board discussed the presidency of Cape Fear Community College.

After returning to open session, Dr. Amanda Lee was approved as interim president of Cape Fear Community College effective January 23, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

President Ralls did not give a report. The board went into closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statutes: 1) Section 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 115D-27 and 2) Section 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the conditions of appointment of an individual public employee.

The Board discussed the conditions of President Ralls' appointment.

The Board returned to open session following a voice vote.

**BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Fricks said he found it troubling that Attachment PROG 5 was one sided. He stated he approached the materials in Programs Committee objectively and some materials were one-sided and some of the materials used were not referenced. Mr. Fricks indicated information in packets should be sourced in order to be considered when voting. He also indicated he found it troubling relative to some of the contradictory evidence that he was finding.

Dr. Ralls reviewed information about the joint announcement regarding the first higher education impact statement for North Carolina. The study was made possible through the support of the Higher Education Foundation and the North Carolina Chamber as well as our own Foundation. It showed that higher education has a big impact.

Dr. Ralls acknowledged the work done on both the nursing and engineering articulation agreements. He stated one of the things that should be taken into context is eleven BSN programs are currently operating in the state with the UNC System. Articulation agreements exist with each of those individually through each of our community colleges. The difference the nursing articulation agreement makes is it doesn't begin articulation from ADN to BSN, it essentially makes it the same across each of the nursing institutions. The context of the nursing articulation agreement makes it a uniform process across the state. Dr. Ralls also noted the importance of the engineering articulation agreement. A little over a ten years ago, the discussion began and Dr. Ralls credited Dr. Randy Parker, now President at Guilford Technical Community College, for working with NC State to create the 2+2 program. During Dr. Ralls' tenure as President of Craven Community College, there was a big issue around engineers at Cherry Point. Lenoir CC and Craven CC built a program allowing students to get a four-year degree at Craven CC from NC State. The unique partnership between Lenoir CC, Craven CC, and NC State was a key decision making point for Spirit to locate their facility to the Global Transpark in Kinston. Spirit's decision sparked interest by the GoldenLeaf Foundation into providing funding to bring together the five engineering schools with community colleges to develop the engineering articulation agreement which will, as with the nursing, mean we will have consistency across the state in terms of requirements for students to move from community colleges into all five of the UNC engineering schools.

Chair Powell thanked the members of the Joint Legislative Planning Committee for agreeing to serve. The first meeting will be March 10, 2015. Unfortunately, Chair Linwood Powell, Dr. Ralls, and Ms. Haygood may be at Martin Community College for a previously scheduled meeting. Mrs. Shuping was asked and agreed to attend the meeting in Greensboro on their behalf.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next State Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 through Friday, April 17, 2015 in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room located in the Caswell Building in Raleigh, North Carolina. More information regarding this meeting will be communicated.

**EXPIRING TERMS AND VACANCIES**

There are currently no terms expiring and no vacancies for the membership of the State Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED MINUTES: February 20, 2015**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Representative Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland and unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
*Secretary*

APPROVED BY:

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Dr. R. Scott Ralls, System President

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Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair