



## State Board of Community Colleges

Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
January 16, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Following proper public notification, Chair Linwood Powell called the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in 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  
Treasurer Janet Cowell  
Representative Jimmie Ford  
Dr. Stuart Fountain  
Mr. Clyde Higgs  
Mr. Bobby Irwin  
Ms. Janet Lowder  
Mr. Ernest Pearson  
Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland\*  
Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

Dr. Samuel Powell  
Mr. La'Quon Rogers  
Dr. Darrell Saunders  
Mr. Scott Shook  
Mr. Hal Weatherman (Rep. for Lt.  
Governor Dan Forest)  
Ms. Ann Whitford  
Dr. Candler Willis  
Mr. James Woody

Attended by telephone: Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland

Absent: Mr. Wesley Fricks, Mr. Lynn Raye, and Mr. Jerry Vaughan

### **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**

Representative Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 telephonic meeting of the State Board of Community Colleges. Mr. Higgs seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

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**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**

Ms. Whitford stated Policy Committee had no changes to the agenda

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

Dr. Sam Powell stated Program Services Committee requested that Attachment PROG 10 be moved from Future Action to Action.

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

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

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, Mr. Jimmie Ford, Chair**

Representative Ford stated Accountability and Audit Committee had no changes to the agenda.

**Strategic Planning Committee, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Chair**

Dr. Fountain stated Strategic Planning Committee had no changes to the agenda.

**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, Dr. Sam Powell 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, Treasurer Cowell 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**

Curriculum Program Application (Existing) (Attachment PROG 11)

Stanly Community College

Emergency Medical Science [A45340]

Curriculum Standard Revisions (Attachment PROG 12)

Central Piedmont Community College

Interpreter Education [A55300]

Gaston College

Nuclear Technology [A50460]

System Office Staff Request

Basic Law Enforcement Training (Certificate) [C55120]

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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Items approved on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Curriculum Program Applications (Fast Track for Action) (Attachment PROG 13)

Brunswick Community College

Medical Assisting [A45400]

College of The Albemarle

Healthcare Business Informatics [A25510]

Mitchell Community College

Mechatronics Engineering Technology [A40350]

Pitt Community College

Emergency Medical Science [A45440]

Courses of Instruction to Captive/Co-opted Groups (Attachment PROG 14)

Skills Courses:

Fayetteville Technical Community College

Great Expectation Day Facility and Enrichment Program

Compensatory Education (CED)

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

Allocation for Small College Prison Program Start-Up – Halifax Community College  
(Attachment FC 6)

Service Agreement for ISIR Verification Services 2015-2016 (Attachment FC 7)

Construction and Property (Attachment FC 8)

**Reports:**

**Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, President, North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents**

Dr. Hinshaw stated the presidents are excited about the upcoming 2015 winter quarterly meeting taking place on January 21-23, 2015 at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Discussion topics will include Performance Measures, Legislative Priorities and High School equivalency options. The presidents will be working to assure that colleges are doing what is best for the students.

**Dr. Donny Hunter, President & CEO, North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees**

Dr. Hunter is hoping for a good budget. NCACCT has finished trustee training and are working on follow-up sessions for chairs and vice-chairs of each board after they received input from the NCACCP. NCACCT held its Executive Board meeting on Friday, January 9, 2015. Dr. Hunter thanked Ms. Haygood for coming and reviewing the 2015-17 Budget Priorities and their board unanimously approved those priorities. There was good discussion about strategies moving forward. The NCACCT Legislative Committee will meet next week to discuss the changes that were made in the legislature. The Law/Legislative Seminar is scheduled for April 8-10, 2015 in Raleigh and all board members were invited to attend.

**Mr. La'Quon Rogers, President, North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA)**

Mr. Rogers said the last meeting of the N4CSGA was held at Pitt Community College where they reviewed feedback from the fall conference. N4CSGA is launching a letter writing campaign to show

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a unified voice from the students. This campaign is to vocalize the collective voice of the North Carolina Community College System. The new Executive Board has been put in place. Mr. Rogers introduced N4CSGA members who attended the State Board meeting. State Board members were invited to the next conference meeting being held March 27-29, 2015.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Ms. Whitford asked Ms. Shuping to give an update on the Legislative Update for January 2015 to the Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Shuping said the committees have been appointed and the chairpersons have been selected. President Ralls gave a brief update on legislative activity. He said there are some visible changes. The House will have a separate Community College Committees. The Senate will have a new standing committee on Workforce and Economic Development. Mr. Pearson mentioned he had spoken to Representative Hagar and recommended that the community colleges not be shy about speaking up to help with focus on jobs.

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

Amend "2A SBCCC 300.6 – North Carolina Proprietary School Fee Schedule  
(Attachment POL 2)

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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

Dr. Sam Powell stated that Future Action Items: Attachment PROG 5 – Proposed Uniform Articulation Agreement Between the University of North Carolina RN to BSN Programs and the North Carolina Community College System Associate Degree Nursing Programs and Attachment PROG 6 – Associate in Engineering are items that are related to and will enhance the articulation agreement for Nursing and Engineering for the North Carolina Community Colleges and University of North Carolina Systems.

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

NC Community Colleges and UNC Study Bi-Lateral Agreements Regarding Transfer Process  
(Attachment PROG 10)

Amend "1G SBCCC 200.95 – Limitations in Reporting Student Membership Hours"  
(Attachment PROG 15)

The above items were unanimously approved by voice vote.

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

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

Amend “1E SBCCC 200.2 – Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay” (Attachment FC 5)  
Adoption of Prequalification Policy (Attachment FC 9)

The above items were unanimously approved by voice vote.

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

Work is continuing on NCWorks and Align NCWorks. They have merged. Dr. Fountain commended Ms. Weiner and her team for the success of 1000 in 100 initiative (1106 companies in 100 days). That information is being assembled. Dr. Fountain reviewed, recommended and moved that the following item be approved by the board:

Align4NCWorks Updates (Attachment PLAN 1)

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, Mr. Jimmie Ford, Chair**

Mr. Ford stated there items were for information for the Accountability and Audit Committee. Mr. Woody asked about College Financial Audit Findings – Five-Year Summary (Attachment AUD 1). He wanted to know if the State Board and the System Office get audited like the colleges do. Ms. Haygood stated that the State Auditor’s Office decides who to audit and the System Office has been audited four of the past six years. The State Auditor selects when and what needs to be audited. Mr. Woody asked to see the results of those audits. Mr. Jenkins agreed to collect that information and forward it to him via email. Mr. Woody asked if the audits have been primarily financial or also to verify that that the System is abiding by the rules. Ms. Haywood responded that the audits are primarily financial. Mr. Woody said that per state statute the State Board of Community Colleges is supposed to meet annually with other education boards to discuss common issues and report to the General Assembly. President Ralls said that under Governor Beverly Purdue the meetings were not being done as frequently. There has been a movement to start holding these meetings again regularly. When the process stopped four years ago, the feeling was that the requirement was being met, but nothing was being accomplished in a thoughtful way by the meetings. Mr. Woody said that his concern is that the statute says “the State Board shall...” and so board members are in violation of the law and their oaths to hold up the law. He feels that the committees have started to “rubber stamp” approvals rather than actually making decisions. Treasurer Cowell said she sees a lot of collaboration going on between the boards that she serves on. She serves on quite a few boards and if you feel the board is not doing what they should by statute, they can go through a legislative process to update the statute. The State Board agreed that one way to resolve this issue is we could recommend that the requirement be rescinded. President Ralls stated that the Education Cabinet was meeting later that day and he would share the concern with them.

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**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.

Mr. Keith Adams, Filament Yard Development Manager with Burlington Industries, and Mr. Fred Edwards, President and COO with Goulston Technologies were approved unanimously to serve on the Gaston College Textile Technology Center Technical Advisory Board.

Mr. Higgs moved to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 143-318.11(a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our General Counsel employed by the State Board of Community Colleges about the case of Behnam Aryafar v. South Piedmont Community College, North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges, the Department of Community Colleges, Sidor, and Flack.

The 2015 award winners were unanimously approved by voice vote as follows:

*President of the Year Award* – President Garrett Hinshaw (Catawba Valley Community College)

*Excellence in Teaching* – Mr. John Neathery (Sociology Instructor, Alamance Community College)

*Staff Member of the Year* – Dr. Adriane Leché (Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Assessment, Halifax Community College)

*Distinguished Partners in Excellence* – Murphy-Brown L.L.C. and James Sprunt Community College, Kenansville, NC)

*I.E. Ready Award* – Mr. George Fouts

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

President Ralls' report is available on the NCCCS website, as listed below.

[http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/sites/default/files/presidents-reports/jan\\_2015\\_board\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/sites/default/files/presidents-reports/jan_2015_board_report_final.pdf)

Dr. Willis had a strong comment on the cost explosion of a four-year college education. That cost explosion is closely correlated with the progressive and increasing involvement of the Federal government in that process. He suggested that there is more than correlation but a domino effect there and many authorities believe it so. So what we are being offered by the President as the looks of a thousand year march where the Federal government gains greater control of our system and that is not the way to solve cost problems. It is not the way to divide recourses for putting money in classrooms and taking good care of our teachers.

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**BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next State Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 through Friday, February 20, 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**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Higgs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. The motion was seconded by Representative Ford 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