

Minutes
Policy Committee
State Board of Community Colleges
November 17, 2016

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Ernie Pearson, Chair

Ms. Janet Lowder

Mr. Lynn Raye

Mr. Bobby Irwin

Mr. Bill McBrayer

Mr. Jim Rose

Absent: Mr. Todd Johnson; Mr. Clark Twiddy

*attended via phone

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Shanté Martin

Mr. Scott Corl

Ms. Carmen Cargill

WELCOME AND ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 201A of the Caswell Building. Mr. Pearson 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. Pearson requested a motion to approve the November 17, 2016 agenda. Mr. Raye made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Rose seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Pearson requested a motion to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes. Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Rose seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the committee.

FOR INFORMATION

SBCC Code Report – November 2016 (Attachment POL 1)

Ms. Martin reviewed the SBCC Code report updates for this month. There has been positive feedback from the colleges about the process that is being utilized for updating

FOR FUTURE ACTION

Both items for For Future Action were moved to For Action

FOR ACTION

Recommendations for Initial Proprietary School Licensure (Attachment POL 02)

Mr. Pearson reviewed the schools being recommended.

Mr. Rose motioned, Mr. Raye seconded and the committee approved to move Recommendations for Initial Proprietary School Licensure from Future Action to Action.

Mr. Rose motioned, Mr. Raye seconded and the committee approved Recommendations for Initial Proprietary School Licensure.

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Initiation of the Rulemaking Process to Amend 2A SBCCC 300.6 – “North Carolina Proprietary School Fee Schedule” (Attachment POL 03)

Mr. Corl said there had been a fee increase approved last year, but the increase was the first in approximately ten years. This increase will support implementation of an online licensing program. The benefits will outweigh the cost.

Mr. Rose motioned, Mr. McBrayer seconded and the committee approved to move Initiation of the Rulemaking Process to Amend 2A SBCCC 300.6 – “North Carolina Proprietary School Fee Schedule” from Future Action to Action.

Mr. Rose motioned, Mr. McBrayer seconded and the committee approved Initiation of the Rulemaking Process to Amend 2A SBCCC 300.6 – “North Carolina Proprietary School Fee Schedule”.

Hearing Officer’s Recommendation to the SBCC Regarding the Revocation of Priority Nursing College’s Proprietary School License (Attachment POL 4)

Mr. Pearson reviewed the situation and asked Ms. Martin to share the findings as the Hearing Officer. This was the first time the System Office has conducted a hearing based on the findings of the Proprietary School and State Boards. The hearing went very well. Priority Nursing and the Office of Proprietary Schools each were given time to present their cases. Each side had fifteen minutes for a rebuttal.

The two claims put forth were:

- Priority Nursing College failed to maintain good reputation and character as required by statute G.S. 115D-93(c)(12)
- Priority Nursing College failed to provide and maintain adequate standards of instruction as required by statute G.S. 115D-93(c)(9).

Ms. Martin stated that only the findings and statements relevant to the two claims were included in the Hearing Officer’s report. Ms. Martin reviewed the findings for the committee. The issue surrounding the School Director’s reputation did rise to the level of revocation based on the facts presented. The issue of maintaining adequate standards of instruction was based on student’s complaints. Office of Proprietary Schools did not include what constitutes an appropriate standard of instruction.

The final recommendation to the SBCC is revoke Priority Nursing College’s proprietary school license pursuant to G.S. 115D-93(c)(1) and G.S. 115D-90(c)(12) for Priority Nursing College’s failure to maintain good reputation and character.

Mr. Irwin asked if Mr. Wilson would be able to apply to be licensed at a later date. Ms. Martin said that Mr. Wilson could apply at a later date, but it would come through the Proprietary School Board and State Board again to be approved.

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Mr. Irwin motioned, Mr. McBrayer seconded and the committee approved Hearing Officer's Recommendation to the SBCC Regarding the Revocation of Priority Nursing College's Proprietary School License.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Scott Corl shared that the Proprietary School Board plans to introduce legislation to separate the Office of Proprietary Schools and the Proprietary School Board from the State Board of Community Colleges. Discussed the reasoning that SBCC has had oversight at the request of the General Assembly and some of the committee member's concerns. Ms. Martin said that as the process moves forward, the State Board of Community Colleges may be asked to take a position on the separation of Proprietary Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Irwin motioned and Mr. Raye seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Cargill
Recording Secretary