

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Community Colleges**  
**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, August 19, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bobby Irwin, Chair	Ray Trapp	Ann Whitford
Hari Nath	Sarah West	Mark Merritt
Shirley Carraway	Breeden Blackwell	Bill McBrayer
Jena Gallagher	Burr Sullivan	Jerry Vaughn
William Holder	Julie Ryan	Andy Penry

**NCACCP LIAISONS**

Amanda Lee, President, Bladen CC  
David Heatherly, President, Coastal Carolina CC

**SYSTEM OFFICE STAFF AND OTHERS:**

Kimberly Gold, Senior Vice President	Thomas Stith Elizabeth Grovenstein	Bryan Jenkins Patrick Crane
Bruce Mack	Alex Fagg	Brandy Andrews
Sharon Gladwell	Tiffany Howell	Anna Pogarcic (EdNC)
JudyKay Jefferson	Jonathan Harris	
Tawanda Artis	Dorrine Fokes	

**WELCOME AND ETHICS STATEMENT:** Chairman Irwin called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. in the Auditorium at the RTP Campus at Wake Technical Community College. Roll was taken and there was a quorum. Chairman Irwin read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Chairman Irwin requested a motion to approve the August 19, 2021, agenda. Mr. Holder made a motion to approve the agenda and Dr. Carraway seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chairman Irwin requested that the minutes reflect those motions were taken by roll call vote rather than voice call vote. Chairman Irwin a motion to approve the July 15, 2021, minutes. Mr. Holder made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Carraway seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the committee.

---

**FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

Proposed Amendment of 1D SBCCC 800.2 – General Provision (Attachment PROG 01)  
Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

The committee had no questions or concerns.

On a motion made by Mr. Nath, seconded by Ms. West, the full Board will be asked to suspend the rules and place this item on the “Action” agenda at their meeting on August 20, 2021. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

Proposed Amendment of 1D SBCCC 800.4 - State or Industry Recognized Credentials/Continuing Education to Curriculum Credit (Attachment PROG 02)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

The committee had no questions or concerns.

On a motion made by Dr. Carraway, seconded by Ms. West, the full Board will be asked to suspend the rules and place this item on the “Action” agenda at their meeting on August 20, 2021. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

**FOR ACTION:**

Proposal for a Uniform Articulation Agreement Between the University of North Carolina System Educator Preparation Programs and the North Carolina Community College System Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation and Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation Programs (Attachment PROG 03)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item.

Mr. Nath asked if there is an articulation agreement with the independent colleges for these degrees. There is not an agreement with those colleges for these degrees at this time, but conversations have started.

Mr. Holder asked if students who transfer to four-year institutions outside of North Carolina have all the credits transfer. The System Office does not have access to out-of-state data systems so is unable to collect that data. Most of the students in this transfer program are part-time and attend the four-year institutions in-state part-time, indicating access and scheduling as a reason for students enrolling in in-state institutions.

Dr. Carraway asked if local partnerships assisted with enrollment in these programs. Many colleges have strong relationships with their local partnerships for children and some local partnerships provide scholarships for students.

The committee showed their support for these articulation agreements to ensure students are meeting course requirements and look forward to future data.

Mr. Nath asked if there is data on students’ hiring prospects after graduating from these two programs. These positions are known to be difficult to fill. However, it is well known that these positions are not the highest paying jobs, so recruitment and retainment is a challenge.

Dr. Blackwell asked if this articulation agreement was approved in the previous month. The Teacher Prep Articulation Agreement with the independent colleges was approved but this articulation agreement is specific to birth-to-Pre-K. The previous articulation agreements related to K-12. He asked

if the Community College System will pursue signing this articulation agreement with the independent colleges. Conversations have begun but there is still work being done to reach the point of signing.

On a motion made by Mr. Holder, seconded by Dr. Carraway, PROG 02 was approved for the “For Action” agenda at their meeting on August 20, 2021. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

Progress on the Implementation of the College and Career Readiness Graduates Program (Attachment PROG 04)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item.

Dr. Carraway asked why the rates for English are below the math rates and if there are plans to address this. As the System Office is just starting to get this data from the Department of Public Instruction. As we continue to receive this information, we will be using that data to better understand the trends for both math and English. One of the recommendations is to increase professional development and to prepare students and teachers to use the NROC program for this assessment.

Ms. West asked why students with a GPA below 2.2 were not provided with the opportunity for remediation. This was discussed during the development of the program, and it was determined that students who were between a 2.2-2.8 GPA, were close to being ready for college level courses and had sufficient time in the senior year to benefit from remediation. More intensive remediation would be needed for students who scored below a 2.2 GPA. This program was originally planned to be available to seniors but it was decided to offer this program to all high school students so remediation could be offered as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Nath asked if the NROC platform could be causing challenges for students to explain the lower scores. Issues that students may face can be addressed by assessing how students and teachers are using the platform, how instruction is being shaped around this platform, and how comfortable they are using it. The NROC platform will be reassessed on a yearly basis to determine success. A significant number of the 115 school districts have not or have not fully rolled out the NROC program. This was mandated by the Legislature at the end of 2021.

Mr. Trapp asked if Legislative funding was included in the budget. It was noted that funding is included in the House budget.

Mr. Irwin noted that math has always been a challenge for North Carolina students and can impede students’ entry into the workforce. Several years ago, pathways were revised to ensure that students were taking the math courses that align with their career goals. Students can prepare for college-level math and take the appropriate math tier levels depending on their future plans as not all students will need tier 3 math skills. The committee expressed their agreement with this issue and the long-standing challenges it presents to students.

On a motion made by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Nath, PROG 04 was approved for the “For Action” agenda at their meeting on August 20, 2021. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

Curriculum Programs Applications (Attachment PROG 05)

- Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute
  - Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology (Diploma) (D60460)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

The committee had no questions or concerns.

On a motion made by Mr. Holder, seconded by Ms. West, PROG 05 was approved for the “For Action” agenda at their meeting on August 20, 2021. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

Curriculum Programs Applications – Fast Track for Action (FTFA) (Attachment PROG 06) [CA]

- Southeastern Community College
  - Automotive Systems Technology (A60160)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

Mrs. Whitford asked if the automotive classes are in the Combined Course Library (CCL). Yes, these courses are in the CCL and the college in this application are requesting approval to offer them.

On a motion made by Mr. Nath, seconded by Ms. West, PROG 06 was approved for the “For Action” agenda at their meeting on August 20, 2021. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

Courses of Instruction to Captive/Co-Opted Groups (Attachment PROG 07) [CA]

- Cape Fear Community College – New Hanover Correctional Center
  - Computer Hardware Repair/Upgrade (CED-3100)
    - (PC Repair and Applications)
  - Food Service Sanitation/Safety (HOS-3072)
    - (ServSafe Certification)
  - Forklift Operator (MNT-3013)
    - (OSHA-10 Certification)
  - OSHA Construction Safety (OSH-3013)
    - (OSHA-10 Certification)
  - Truck Driving Training (TRA-3607)
    - (Introduction to Truck Driving Training)
- Central Carolina Community College – Harnett Correctional Center
  - Food Service Maintenance (HOS-3075)
    - (ServSafe Certification)
  - Photovoltaic (PV) Technology (EGY-3002)
    - (PV Applications)
  - Blueprint Reading (BPR-3011)
    - (Blueprint Reading Skills)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

Mr. Trapp asked why only the classroom portion of truck driver training is being taught. For most correctional facilities, the students are not allowed to leave the correctional facility to complete the driving portion of the course.

On a motion made by Mr. Holder, seconded by Dr. Carraway, PROG 07 was approved for action and placed on the full board "Consent Agenda" for action at their August 20, 2021, meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

---

## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **Programs Committee Information Items**

#### **Customized Training Annual Expenditures Report (Attachment PROG 08)**

Dr. Mack reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

Ms. West asked why some counties have more projects than others. The demand for some counties is there, but it depends on whether companies are ready for a project since they involve time and commitment. There are funds for each county and these funds can be used if there is a commitment from the company and a need to start a project. There is a shift among companies as they realize the benefits of this training how customized training can assist in developing a highly trained workforce.

Mr. Holder asked that, since companies have agreed to training up front, do the 21,000 graduates have guaranteed jobs? These projects are for those who are already employed by the company, but it could include pre-hire training for those who could be employed at the company.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the remainder of the \$12 million in funds can be carried over and, if so, what is the time limit to use those funds. These funds are carry-over funds and there is no time limit as these projects could cross multiple years, according to the General Statute.

Mr. Nath asked that, other than time, what other commitments do companies contribute. Companies contribute less than 1% of contributions. There are no requirements that businesses contribute as a lot of companies still offer internal training.

Mr. Trapp asked what areas the "life sciences" encompass. These include areas such as pharmaceutical and medical. Yes, and there is an uptick of companies in the life sciences category using this training.

Mr. Holder noted that there are zero projects in areas of the east and west and asked if the companies do not need to make monetary contributions, why would they not take the opportunity to train their workforce. Companies are being educated about the benefits, particularly the funds, to pay for this training which is not offered by any other state.

---

#### **Curriculum Program Applications as Approved by the System President (Attachment PROG 09)**

- Montgomery Community College
  - Mechatronics Engineering Technology (A40350)
  - Public Safety Administration (A55480)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

The committee had no questions or concerns.

---

**Curriculum Program Termination as Approved by the System President (Attachment PROG 10)**

- Richmond Community College
  - Electrical Systems Technology (A35130)
  - School-Age Certificate (Certificate) (C55450)

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents were in order.

Dr. Carraway asked if these terminations are being terminated at only one college. These degrees are still being offered at other colleges, but the terminating college is required to teach out the students or to move them to a similar program. Dr. Carraway followed up asking about whether programs can be completed removed. This does occur as the courses could become outdated.

---

**Finance Committee Information Items**

**Remaining Allocation for Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Section 231 (Attachment FC 02)**

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

---

**NC Career Coach Program Gap Year Allocation (Attachment FC 03)**

Dr. Gold reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

---

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Trapp.

Recording Secretary  
Alex Doles