

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 17, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bobby Irwin, Chair	Hari Nath	Burr Sullivan
Sarah West	Thomas Looney	Lisa Estep
Grant Campbell	Ray Russell	
Shirley Carraway	Ann Whitford	

*Attended via phone or Zoom technology

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ray Trapp

NCACCP LIAISONS

Amanda Lee, President, Bladen Community College

SYSTEM OFFICE STAFF AND OTHERS:

Dr. Levy Brown, Senior Vice President	Kevin Parsons	David Heatherly
Dr. Kimberly Gold, Chief of Staff	Miriam Huntley	Nathan Hardin
Julie Woodson (NCACCT)	Dr. Lane Freeman	Brenda Burgess
James Willamor	Dr. Maria Pharr	Patrick Fleming
Dr. Ken Boham	Dr. Bill Carver	Julie Ryan
	Lisa Eads	Holine Harris
	Michelle Lair	Dr. Laura Leatherwood

WELCOME AND ETHICS STATEMENT: Chairman Irwin called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m. in the Innovation Station, at the Caswell Building. 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 October 20, 2022, agenda. Dr. Carraway made the motion, seconded by Ms. West. The agenda was approved via voice vote by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chairman Irwin made a motion to approve the October 20, 2022, minutes. Ms. West made the motion, seconded by Dr. Campbell. It was approved via voice vote by the committee.

FOR FUTURE ACTION

RISE Up Credential Year I Report (Attachment PROG 01)

Dr. Brown reviewed the item. All documents are in order. Dr. Brown extended special thanks for Lenoir Community College for leading this program for the System.

The committee had no questions or concerns.

On a motion made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. West, PROG 01 the rules were suspended, and item moved to the For Action Agenda at their meeting on November 18, 2022. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Curriculum Program Application – New to the System (Attachment PROG 02)

- 911 Communication and Operation (A55470)

Mr. Irwin reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

Mr. Parsons explained the background of the program and its need in the state. This program is noted as the first of its kind in the country that will ensure that 911 staff have the skillset and training they need to best assist those in emergencies.

Mr. Irwin asked if part of 911 funding comes from telephone bills. There is a 911 service charge of \$0.65 and grant funding that is allocated to the 911 centers across the state.

Dr. Carraway asked how training was conducted prior to this program. Each center developed their own in-house training that did not have credentialing beyond a required 40-hour basic telecommunicator training.

On a motion made by Dr. Carraway, seconded by Ms. West, PROG 02 the rules were suspended, and item moved to the For Action Agenda at their meeting on November 18, 2022. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Proposed Amendment of 1D SBCCC 300.4 – Program Management (Attachment PROG 03)

Mr. Irwin and Dr. Brown reviewed the item. All documents are in order.

Dr. Brown acknowledged the work of System Office staff in assisting with PROG 02 and PROG 03, particularly Ms. Tracy McPherson, Director of Public Safety Training Programs.

Mr. Irwin noted that there are over 1,000 fire departments in the state and that the volunteer fire fighters assist in manning those sites. This amendment would further support fire departments and ensure they meet their staffing requirements.

The committee had no questions or concerns.

On a motion made by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Carraway, PROG 03 the rules were suspended, and item moved to the For Action Agenda at their meeting on November 18, 2022. The motion was approved by voice vote.

FOR ACTION:

Review of Comments for Proposed Amendment of 1B SBCCC 100.1 – Definitions (Attachment PROG 04)

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

The committee had no questions or concerns.

On a motion made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. West, PROG 04 was approved for the For Action Agenda at their meeting on November 18, 2022. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Curriculum Program Application (Attachment PROG 05)

- South Piedmont Community College
 - Surgical Technology (A45740)

President Carver, Dr. Gold, and Dr. Brown reviewed the item. It was noted that this application had one negative impact assessment which went through the mediation process with no agreement reached. System Office staff reviewed guidance and policy regarding the programs application process and the process to address program applications with negative impact assessments.

Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) expressed concerns that adding this program to the System would create added stress on an already taxed system and create added burden on clinical placements for students, colleges, and clinical partners. South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) noted that employment in this area was projected to grow 9% through 2028 and that data shows that the need for Surgical Technologists in SPCC's two-county service area was not being met. They also shared that their primary partner, Atrium Health, will be creating additional clinical slots for SPCC students so that clinical spots reserved for other programs' students would not be impacted.

System Office staff shared that the North Carolina health care sector and other state agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services have regularly expressed the need to expand health care programs at a pace that meets North Carolina's needs. Dr. Carver shared details on the mediation process to reach a resolution between the two colleges but acknowledged the urgent need for more health care staff, particularly as these types of programs can take time to start up and train students to enter this industry.

Mr. Nath asked clarifying questions on the timeline, particularly the period between Atrium Health submitting their recommendation letter and when CPCC began using Atrium Health as a clinical health. He asked if Atrium Health is committed to providing clinical slots to SPCC and why CPCC started using Atrium Health as a clinical site after SPCC applied for this program. It was noted that, due to late notification, CPCC's president, Dr. Deitemeyer, was not able to attend the State Board meeting to directly answer Mr. Nath's question. SPCC's president, Dr. Pharr, explained that Senior Vice President of Atrium Health (South Market region) pledged 11 brand new clinical sites in only Anson and Union counties for SPCC's students. These clinical sites in these two counties are not used by any other colleges for surgical technology. Atrium Health has expressed that they are in such need of surgical technologists that they have fully funded a faculty member, equipment, supplies, and tuition assistance to recruit students. Union County has a 34% vacancy rate and currently pays three times the going rate to recruit traveling surgical technologists to meet their needs.

Dr. Carraway expressed questions concerning the negative impact assessment considering the health care industry's need, particularly after the pandemic.

Dr. Campbell provided a background on the industry side as he is employed by Atrium Health but is not acting as a representative of that organization. From his own experiences, he noted that there has been loss in staff following the pandemic and an increase in free-standing surgical centers, exacerbating the shortage at hospitals for surgical technologists. Hospitals are finding that they don't have the staff to do the surgeries that are needed and there have been delays in performing surgeries due to a shortage of CRNAs and Surgical Technologists. He explained that he does not believe the need for Surgical Technologists is currently being met and that the quality of work from traveling surgical technologists cannot compare to those who are embedded in the hospital. He stressed that this is one of the desperately needed skills.

The committee stated that they did not see a competing clinical area of instruction in the documents provided that would warrant denying the application as this is not a "zero-sum game". They noted that if the demand and need is present and Atrium Health is a supporting partner, then the focus should be on growing the opportunities with health care partners and replicating this at other community colleges.

System Office staff recommended approval to the committee to approve this program application.

On a motion made by Mr. Nath, seconded by Dr. Carraway, PROG 05 was approved for the For Action Agenda at their meeting on November 18, 2022. The motion was approved by voice vote.

FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Curriculum Program Applications – Fast Track for Action (Attachment PROG 06)

- Fayetteville Technical Community College
 - Polysomnography (A45670)

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

The committee had no questions or concerns.

Combined Course Library – Workforce Education and College & Career Readiness (Attachment PROG 07)

- New Course Approvals, Modifications, and Tier Designations
 - New Course Approval – Gaston College
 - Textile Fundamentals (TEX- 4110)

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

The committee had no questions or concerns.

Courses/Programs of Instruction to Captive/Co-Opted Groups (Attachment PROG 08)

- Wake Technical Community College – Wake Detention Center #6187
 - Small Business Management (MLS-3230)
 - (Certificate of Completion)
- Vance-Granville Community College – Eckerd Connects
 - Employment Readiness (HRD-3001)

- Career Readiness (HRD-3004)
- Employability Motivation and Retention (HRD-3006)
- Pamlico Community College – Pamlico Correctional Facility #4850
 - Peer Support Specialist (SAB-3029)
 - Mental Health First Aid (SAF-3011)
 - Commercial Driver’s License (TRA-3605)
 - Truck Driver Training (TRA-3607)
- Robeson Community College – Lumberton Correctional Facility #4365
 - Associate in Arts (A10100)
 - Associate in Science (A10400)

Dr. Brown 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, PROG 06-08 were approved for the Consent Agenda at their meeting on November 18, 2022. The motion was approved by voice vote.

FOR INFORMATION

Programs Committee Information Items

NC Community College Child Care Grant Program Report FY 2021-22 (Attachment PROG 09)

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

Dr. Carraway clarified that it appears that fund spending varies among the colleges. She asked how long colleges have to spend the funds and, if they don’t use their full allocation, what happens to that funding. The colleges have been able to secure extra funding if they fully spent the funds. In other cases, for those who have not spent their allocation, many colleges have seen an influx of federal and state funds to address childcare assistance and were thus unable to use any or all of these funds to meet their student needs. It was noted that \$1.8 million was spent of the \$3 million. Historically, only \$1.4-1.5 million were spent, showing a significant increase to previous years. The award period begins July 1 and ends June 30. The colleges will be provided with an allocation each year and the \$1.8 million allocation are guaranteed each year. The \$1.2 million allocation are non-recurring funds, and it has been rolled over previously. The System Office will confirm if these funds will be carried over again and update the committee at a future date.

The committee noted that reallocation should be researched and confirmed for colleges that may not spend their funds so that those who have spent their funds can continue to support their students.

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

- Forsyth Technical Community College
 - School-Age Education (A55440)

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m. by Chairman Irwin.

Recording Secretary

Alex Doles