

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
October 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sam Powell, Chair	Roderick Gooden	Bob Stephens
Candler Willis, Vice Chair	Bobby Irwin	

Absent: Lt. Governor Dan Forest, William Holder

SYSTEM OFFICE STAFF AND OTHERS:

Linda Chapman	Katherine Tamer	Linda Suggs (Gates Fnd.)
Shanté Martin	William Carver (Nash CC)	

WELCOME AND ETHICS STATEMENT: Dr. Powell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Room 322 of the Cuyler A. Dunbar Building at Catawba Valley Community College. Roll was taken and there was a quorum. Dr. Powell read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Dr. Powell requested a motion to approve the October 19, 2017 agenda with an amendment to move PROG 04 from “For Future Action,” to “For Action.” Dr. Willis made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to PROG 04, and Mr. Irwin seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Dr. Powell requested a motion to approve the September 14, 2017 minutes. Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Willis seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

FOR INFORMATION

Finance Committee Agenda Items

Allocation for North Carolina Space Grant (Attachment FC 05)

Dr. Chapman reviewed the agenda item in which the State Board is asked to approve \$7,300 to be allocated to two NC Community Colleges (Edgecombe Community College and Piedmont Community College) from the North Carolina Space Grant funds. The funding will support two colleges supporting undergraduate student research in a STEM field. This two-semester activity culminates in a final peer-reviewed research paper. The Committee had no questions or concerns.

Amend Prison Education Funds Allocation Pamlico Community College Recidivism Pilot – Project (Attachment FC 06)

Dr. Chapman explained FC 06 which would approve an amendment in the amount of \$130,320 for the joint pilot project between Pamlico Community College and Pamlico Correctional Institution to reduce recidivism among offenders. The pilot project will serve 60 inmates in 2017-18 and 100 inmates 2018-19.

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
October 19, 2017

The Committee questioned the \$117,820 cost for textbooks. Dr. Chapman explained that textbook costs are very high, but are correct. This amount would cover the cost of 100 textbooks to be used over two years by 160 total inmates.

Service Agreements for RDS Development 2017-2021 (Attachment FC 07)

Mr. Irwin abstained from the conversation. Dr. Chapman reviewed the agenda item which asks the State Board to approve \$380,000 for the first year of a five-year contract with the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) to fund the costs associated with the development of Residency Determination Service (RDS). The General Assembly required RDS in 2013, this agenda item covers the cost to implement the program in conjunction with NCSEAA. The Committee had no questions or concerns.

Programs Committee Agenda Items

Curriculum Program Terminations as Approved by the System President (Attachment PROG 01)

Dr. Chapman explained the agenda item which has been approved by the System President. Roanoke-Chowan Community College, wished to terminate two curriculum programs due to a lack of enrollment per 1D SBCCC 400.95(b). The two programs included: Building Construction Technology and Plumbing. The Committee had no questions or concerns.

SBCC Code Report – October 2017 (Attachment PROG 02)

Ms. Martin reviewed the Code Report packet for October. The completed items will become effective on November 1. The Committee had no questions or concerns.

FOR FUTURE ACTION:

Curriculum Program Applications – New to the System (Attachment PROG 03)

Dr. Chapman explained that Wake Technical CC asked the SBCC to approve the addition of a Healthcare Simulation Technology program, provided that equipment funds are available to the college. The new program would be classified under Tier 1B. The Committee had no questions or concerns.

FOR ACTION:

Review of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement that Exists Between Constituent Institutions of the North Carolina Community College System and Constituent Institutions of the University of North Carolina (Attachment PROG 04)

Dr. Chapman explained that PROG 04 is an annual review of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) to be submitted to the Education Oversight Committee on November 1. Page 3 shows a substantial increase (nearly 900 students) in the number of students transferring from NCCC schools to UNC institutions from 2015 to 2016.

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
October 19, 2017

Dr. Willis pointed to Page 5 and asked if his belief that NCCC students who transfer to UNC do indeed perform better than students who began their postsecondary career at UNC schools. Dr. Chapman explained that although the report shows NCCC students earning lower GPAs than native UNC students, other studies show that students who graduate with an Associate's Degree and then transfer, outperform native students. The data in this report reflects all transfer students, including those with 30 credit hours or less. When broken down, the data shows Associate Degree graduates performing just as well in terms of GPA than their native peers.

Mr. Irwin asked if all stakeholders are happy with the CAA at this point. Dr. Chapman explained that it is hard to speak for everyone involved, but it is fair to say that the plan is a reasonable approach. There is no need to change the plan, but there is a need to enforce the plan as designed. Mr. Gooden then asked how the CAA is explained to students and feared that some of his courses would not transfer to Fayetteville State University as promised. Dr. Chapman asked Mr. Gooden if we were describing courses that are part of the CAA or Associate in Applied Science (AAS) courses. Mr. Gooden indicated he was describing the AAS courses. Dr. Chapman said she would speak to him individually to try to absolve his concerns, however, all schools have complied with Phase I of the plan and are moving into Phase II.

Dr. Willis moved to suspend the rules, move PROG 04 from future action to action, and recommend that it is approved by the full board. Mr. Gooden seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

Review Public Comments for 1D SBCCC Subchapter 400 – “Curriculum” (Attachment PROG 05)

Ms. Martin reviewed the curriculum updates to the code. Updates included clarification in language and definitions. The Curriculum section summarizes different program types, and codifies a Career and College Promise subchapter (which had previously been in a manual). There were no substantive public comments on this subchapter.

Amend 1B SBCCC 500.1 – “School Absence for National Guard Service” (Attachment PROG 06)

Ms. Martin explained that this item would amend a previously adopted temporary rule which permitted students to drop classes without penalty if they were absent due to National Guard duties. The amendment replaces “National Guard” with “military” to expand the benefit to all service members. The General Assembly did not require this expansion.

Mr. Irwin asked about extending this benefit to members of the Justice Department, or state and local authorities who may miss classes during times of natural disasters. Ms. Martin suggested that the Board approve this rule first. Local institutions may choose to expand this rule themselves.

Amend the Senior Citizen Audit Rules at 1D SBCCC 700.1 – “Audited Courses,” 1E SBCCC 100.1 –

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
October 19, 2017

“Definitions,” and 1E SBCCC Subchapter 1000 – “Audited Courses” (Attachment PROG 07)

Ms. Martin’s office received one comment about the Senior Citizen Audit Rules. The commented was concerned about senior citizens displacing credit-seeking students, especially those who start out taking a class for credit, but then switch to audit. The System Office does not recommend any changes to the proposed amendment since colleges have the authority to develop their own policies to address this concern.

Amend 1D SBCCC 300.4 – “Program Management” (Attachment PROG 08)

Ms. Martin reviewed the language changes in this section of the code. If approved, the language would be consistent throughout the code in naming the “Internal Program Accountability Plan” the “Accountability and Integrity Plan.” Other changes include class visitation rules, CCP rules for curriculum, and rules for continuing education.

Mr. Gooden asked if these changes would affect schools like Johnston CC who have adopted a “One College” plan. Ms. Martin explained that the One College plan still abides by all of the policies in place for each type of program.

Amend 1G SBCCC 100.1 – “Definitions” (Attachment PROG 09)

Ms. Martin reviewed PROG 09 which is a technical correction to the code. The correction defines credit hour in the subchapter by referencing another subchapter.

Mr. Gooden moved to approve Agenda Items 5 through 9, Dr. Willis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum Program Applications – Fast Track for Action (Attachment PROG 10) [CA]

Dr. Chapman reviewed the requests from Craven CC and Nash CC to approve new curriculum programs. The System Office recommends approving this agenda item.

Mr. Gooden moved to approve Agenda Item 10, Dr. Willis seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

Combined Course Library – Continuing Education (Attachment PROG 11) [CA]

Dr. Chapman explained the System Office request to add hours to the CJC-3839-Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) course from 620 to 632 to accommodate new instruction on “Individuals with Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities” mandated by the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission for any BLET course offered January 1, 2018, or after. If approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, the change would be effective January 1, 2018.

(REVISED 11/14/2017)

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
October 19, 2017

Mr. Stephens moved to approve Agenda Item 11, Dr. Willis seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mr. Powell asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Willis motioned, seconded by Mr. Irwin, and the committee adjourned at 2:37 p.m. following a voice vote.

Recording Secretary
Katherine Tamer

DRAFT