

New River Community College Board  
(Region 10)  
Meeting Number Three Hundred Twenty-Nine

MINUTES

December 14, 2015

Meeting number three hundred twenty-nine of the New River Community College Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2015, in Edwards Hall on the NRCC campus.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jack Brockway (City of Radford)  
Mr. F. Brad Denardo (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Steven Harvey (City of Radford)  
Dr. Douglas Martin (Giles County)  
Mr. Lane Penn (Pulaski County)  
Mrs. Barbara A. Straub (Montgomery County)  
Dr. Sue Thacker (Montgomery County)  
Mrs. Karen Thompson (Floyd County)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Peter Anderson, Dean of Business and Technologies  
Mrs. Angie E. Covey, Executive Director NRCC Educational Foundation  
Mrs. Amy J. H. Hall, Coordinator of Emergency Planning and Special Projects  
Dr. Patricia B. Huber, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services  
Dr. Jack M. Lewis, President  
Mrs. Kathy T. Ridpath, Administrative Assistant for the President's Office  
Dr. Mark C. Rowh, Vice President for Workforce Development and External Relations  
Dr. Fritz M. Streff, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research  
Dr. Donald E. Stowers, Director of Volunteer Services  
Mr. John L. Van Hemert, Vice President for Finance and Technology  
Mrs. Jill Williams, Director of Accountability in Student Learning Program

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mr. Jeff Levy, Professor of Engineering Design Technology (EDT)  
Mr. Eric Bass, NRCC Student  
Mr. Grant Helms, NRCC Student  
Mr. Indhava Kunjara, NRCC Student  
Mr. Casey Latoski, NRCC Student  
Mr. Noah Magnifico, NRCC Student  
Mr. Ryan Woolwine, NRCC Student

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Brad Denardo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published.

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Denardo welcomed the Honorable Dave Nutter, State Board Liaison, and all others in attendance.

### 3. Agenda for Approval

The agenda was approved, by consensus, as distributed.

### 4. Minutes for Approval

The minutes of meeting number three hundred twenty-eight, held on Monday, September 14, 2015, were approved as distributed.

### 5. President's Report

Dr. Lewis briefly discussed project-based learning. He introduced Mr. Peter Anderson, Dean of Business and Technologies, who gave updates on three project-based learning projects – the drone design competition, Queen Anne's Revenge and the new prosthetic initiative. The Engineering Design Technology students entered the American Helicopter Society (AHS) Drone Design Competition in 2014. They competed against other Engineering and Technical Universities from the U.S. and internationally. The NRCC team won "Best New Entry" in this competition. NRCC is the first two-year institution to ever place in the AHS competition since the first competition in 1984.

Mr. Anderson gave a report on the Queen Anne's Revenge, a project completed by the Engineering Design Technology students under the leadership of Mr. Jeff Levy. The students used reverse engineering to create a virtual 3D model of the flagship of the legendary pirate, Blackbeard. The model, an interactive 3D virtual tour of each part of the ship, is included in the expanded Queen Anne's Revenge exhibit of Blackbeard's artifacts at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in South Carolina.

Mr. Anderson introduced Mr. Jeff Levy, Engineering Design Technology (EDT) Program Head and Instructor, who discussed a new prosthetic project his students are involved with. This project is part of a larger group enabling the future which currently has over 2000 individual engineering designers, 3D enthusiasts and teachers working with organizations like the Boy Scouts and others to use reverse engineering in designing, printing and fitting 3D prosthetics. The EDT students are in the process of taking four existing models of 3D printed hands, use reverse engineering, and from the best of each design, develop one of their own. Mr. Levy stated that they currently have three candidates to design for. By the end of the semester, he hopes to have one prosthetic

design to accommodate all three individuals. He commented that he was excited to oversee the project and work “hands on” with students in designing and developing something that can change the life of individuals who have lost the use of their hand or other limbs. He expressed gratitude to Dr. Lewis and the Board for their support of the program.

After a brief video, some of the Engineering Design Technology students working on the prosthetic project introduced themselves and provided remarks about the course. The students included Eric Bass, Grant Helms, Indhava Kunjara, Casey Latoski, Noah Magnifico, and Ryan Woolwine.

## 6. Instruction and Student Services Report

### Enrollment

Dr. Huber reported on the enrollment for the 2015 fall semester. The unofficial headcount enrollment as of December 14, 2015 is 4,477, a decrease of 2.4 percent. Presently, total FTEs stand at 2,707, a decrease of 2.5 percent over the same relative date last fall. The VCCS shows a decrease in enrollment of 4 percent in FTEs for the same relative date last year.

### Curriculum Changes

Dr. Huber reported that the Curriculum and Instruction Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss curricular changes. Dr. Huber noted that additional changes will be brought for approval at the March 2016 meeting. She referred to the summary and curriculum track sheets that outline the proposed changes included in the packet that was previously disseminated. On behalf of the committee, Mrs. Karen Thompson recommended approval of the changes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## 7. Finance and Technology Report

### Local M&O Budget, 2016-2017

Mr. Van Hemert referred to Exhibit C of the agenda packet, Local M&O Budget for 2016-2017. He informed the Board that the Budget and Finance Committee met earlier in the evening to review the proposed budget and explained that when the participation formula is applied, the amounts requested from the jurisdictions fluctuate with the population in each jurisdiction, the total property values in each jurisdiction, but mostly enrollment of students from each jurisdiction. The total budget request is \$77,799; the rate of inflation was zero percent. Dr. Martin recommended approval of the Local M&O budget as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## 8. Workforce Development and External Relations

### State Board Meeting Presentation

Dr. Rowh briefed the Board on a presentation by Mark Schneider, president of College Measure, which was delivered at the State Board Meeting and Chancellor's Retreat in October. Mr. Schneider has been reviewing the value of postsecondary degrees. The presentation showed data comparing students with bachelor's degrees, associate degrees and certificates. The data indicated that some graduates with associate degrees earn more than those with bachelor's degrees, and that what a person studies can produce higher earnings than where he or she studies. Dr. Rowh offered copies of the presentation to those who were interested in learning more.

### Legislative Update

Dr. Rowh informed the Board that the Governor will make an announcement on December 15 regarding budgetary proposals for workforce credentials earned through noncredit workforce training at community colleges. He stated there is a growing national trend to focus on specific credentials needed by workers beyond the traditional college degrees. He referred to a publication "*Workforce Credentials: The Pathway to Virginia's New Middle Class*" that was disseminated. The report is a specific plan to expand the number of workforce training credentials and certifications to a level needed to meet the demands of Virginia's workforce. He discussed the report and the drive in Virginia led by the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System.

Dr. Rowh informed the Board that NRCC will be visiting the General Assembly on January 27. He added that the Legislative Reception will be held on February 17 in Richmond.

### SACSCOC Update

Dr. Rowh informed the Board that the reaffirmation of accreditation process has begun with reaffirmation anticipated in 2018. A team of five individuals from NRCC recently attended the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. The event included training sessions for the colleges that are beginning the reaffirmation of accreditation process. A SACSCOC evaluation team will be on campus October 31 – November 2, 2017. Dr. Rowh stated that the Board will continue to be updated on the process.

## 9. Recognitions

### 2015 Retirees

Nine college employees retired in 2015: Ms. Charlotte Audas, Mrs. Margaret Bryner, Mrs. Deborah Gerberich, Mr. Mark Gilbert, Mrs. Brenda Jones, Mrs. Teri Moore, Mrs. LaRue Ridenhour, Ms. Peggy Taylor and Mrs. Bridget Spencer. Mr.

Denardo presented resolutions to the attending retirees on behalf of the Board and provided highlights from each resolution about their contributions to the college. Each retiree present added personal remarks, and Dr. Lewis thanked each for their service. Mrs. Gerberich, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ridenhour and Mrs. Spencer were unable to be present; therefore, another appropriate venue for recognition will be used to present their resolutions.

Dr. Lewis recognized Dr. Don Stowers, Director of Volunteer Services, who will leave his part-time position on December 31.

Dr. Lewis presented gifts of appreciation to the Board members present.

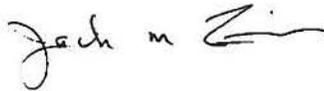
The Board approved to hold the next regular meeting of the New River Community College Board scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016, at the mall site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. F. Brad Denardo, Chair



Dr. Jack M. Lewis, Secretary