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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

FROM: Alan Mabe *AM*

DATE: November 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed Policy on Branch Campuses and other Facilities for Distance Learning

The proposed policy revisions discussed at the October committee meeting are presented for your consideration. One addition is the inclusion of a step for consultation with the North Carolina Community College System regarding assessing a proposal for a new campus, a branch campus, or other facilities for off-site educational delivery. This grew out of a meeting on October 30th of the senior leadership of UNC and NCCCS.

Proposed Policy Revision

203 B. Other Powers and Duties.

(1) Whenever the Board of Governors finds that there may be a need for the creation of a new campus of the University, the board shall direct that a study be made of the relevant educational needs of the state, such study to take particular account of the relevant educational needs of the area or areas of the state designated by the Board of Governors. The board shall give careful consideration to the report of the aforementioned study of educational needs, and if the board finds

(a) that sufficient educational needs exist to justify the establishment of an additional campus of the University, and

(b) that it appears probable that sufficient additional funds can be made available to establish and maintain such additional campus without impairing the quality and extent of the instructional and research programs at the existing campuses of the University, the Board of Governors may recommend to the General Assembly that appropriate legislation creating or adding such campus be enacted.

(2) Whenever the Board of Governors finds that there may be a need for the creation of a branch campus by a constituent institution, the board shall direct that a study be made of the relevant educational needs of the state, such study to take particular account of the relevant educational needs of the area or areas of the state designated by the Board of Governors. The board shall give careful consideration to the report of the aforementioned study of educational needs, and if the board finds

(a) that sufficient educational needs exist to justify the establishment of a branch campus by a constituent institution, and

(b) that it appears probable that sufficient additional funds can be made available to establish and maintain such branch campus without impairing the quality and extent of the instructional and research programs at the constituent institution or at other constituent institutions, the Board of Governors may approve the creation of a branch campus.

(3) Apart from new or branch campuses, the President is authorized to initiate other facilities arrangements for delivery of off-site programs such as use of community college space, multiple-use facilities among campuses, joint use facilities with community colleges, and rental space, following general university academic and budgetary procedures for relevant Board approval or reporting to the Board.

(4) The North Carolina Community College System shall be consulted in the process of assessing the need for a new campus, a branch campus or other facilities for off-site educational delivery.

(5)(2) The Board of Governors shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by law or as may be set forth elsewhere in this Code.

203 C. Reservation of Powers.

The Board of Governors shall possess all powers not specifically given to institutional boards of trustees. [See G.S. 116-11(14)]

For Information Only; Not for Vote

DRAFT Regulations for New Campuses, Branch Campuses and other Off-site Educational Use of Facilities

1. In the matter of a proposed new campus, the President will make a preliminary determination of whether to recommend to the Board that a study be done.
2. If the Board directs that a study be done of a proposal for a new campus, the President shall initiate and oversee the study and upon its conclusion make recommendations to the Board.
3. In the matter of a proposed branch campus, the President will make a preliminary determination of whether to recommend to the Board that a study be done.
4. The University will use as its definition of a branch campus the one adopted by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools: A branch campus is *defined as a location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. A location is independent of the main campus if the location is (1) permanent in nature, (2) offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential, (3) has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization, and (4) has its own budgetary and hiring authority.*
5. If the Board directs that a study be done of a proposal for a branch campus, the President shall initiate and oversee the study and upon its conclusion make recommendations to the Board.
6. Proposals for constructing, acquiring, leasing, or otherwise using off-site facilities shall provide assurance that all University requirements are to be met.
7. Templates will be developed which contain the components that must be included in agreements for constructing, leasing, or otherwise using off-site facilities for academic program delivery.
8. In proposing or reviewing proposals for off-site facilities, all options for delivery of instruction shall be considered including online options.