



Cooperating Raleigh Colleges

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015, 3-4 p.m.

Massey House, Meredith College

Jo Allen, CRC President, Presiding

Members in attendance: **Jo Allen**, President of Meredith College and CRC Board President; **Stephen Scott**, President of Wake Technical Community College and CRC Board Vice President; **Betsy Brown**, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, North Carolina State University; **Craig Barfield**, Vice President for Business and Finance, Meredith College, representing the CRC Chief Financial Officers Committee; **Bryan Ryan**, Senior Vice President for Curriculum Education, Wake Tech, representing the Chief Academic Officers Committee; **Jenny Spiker**, CRC Director and Board Secretary/Treasurer. **Guests:** **Butch Grove**, Wake Tech, representative on the Wake County Transit Advisory Committee; **Mary Kay Delaney**, Meredith College Education Department Chair.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting were approved. **(VOTE TAKEN)**

Finances: Ms. Spiker presented the budget showing the year-to-date and projected year-end figures for 2014-15 and the proposed budget for 2015-16. (See attached). She projects year-end expenses of \$100,010.70 and revenue of \$125,032.06 for a net gain of \$25,021.36. She pointed out that the main increase in expenses in the last several years has been for enterprise fund expenses for workshop food and some honoraria for presenters. The proposed budget for next year is for expenses of \$104,958 and revenue of \$125,032.06. The Board voted to approve the budget report as presented. **(VOTE TAKEN)**

Presentations:

- **Education Leaders Project:** Ms. Delaney presented the revised proposal from the committee of education department chairs at all of the six member institutions. She directed their attention to written proposal in their packets (See attached.) She stressed that the committee's revisions made the event more compact with it being two and a half hours around lunch. She said the concept is to start with on-the-ground mini presentations about what is happening with student teachers and teachers in the classroom. This would be done with two 20-minute sessions, the first featuring short videos with narratives and the second with observations from college education faculty and teachers and student teachers in pre-K-12 who are graduates of the colleges emphasizing what quality education preparation and teaching means to them. Ms. Spiker added that the committee also wants to invite two other partner groups to join in producing the event; one would likely be the Wake County Public Schools and the other a group involved with pre-K education.
 - **The Board's response:** They supported the revisions and particularly liked the emphasis on hearing from people on-the-ground with connections to all of the CRC schools. . The timing they favored for the event is early November. Mr. Barfield liked the idea of providing background resources to tell the story. Ms. Brown liked the emphasis on showing how our colleges and universities have "what it takes to make effective teaching happen." Mr. Ryan reminded the group that this event should be a good follow-up to the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Education Forum on May 28th. Ms. Spiker announced that CRC would pay for one person from each CRC education department to attend that conference, and she encouraged others in the group to attend.

- **Next steps:** The committee will meet again this summer to set the date, find the partners and begin planning the details.
- **Transit Project:** Mr. Grove updated the Board on the developments of the Wake County Transit project. He has been one of the CRC-related members of the transit advisory committee and attended all of the planning meetings and the meeting early that week announcing to the community the four scenarios that arose from the planning meetings. He brought packets with background information (See attached) to explain the results so far and background for the County-wide plan for transit improvement. He stressed that the CRC group has had good representation at the meetings and summarized some of the observations to date:
 - The process has stressed all of the challenges, choices and tradeoffs with the major trade-offs revolving around coverage vs. ridership and the amount to spend on infrastructure.
 - The four scenarios are not final choices but ways to look at the challenges and tradeoffs. The final decision may not be any of those presented now but may take parts from several of them.
 - The County is having seven community-based meetings to get public feedback and also used an online survey.
 - The emphasis is all scenarios stresses improved bus service and the other options include rapid bus transit and commuter rail. At this time the emphasis has not been on light rail, although down the road that may occur.
 - The goal is for the improvements to be paid for with a half-cent sales tax increase.
 - Ms. Spiker reminded the group that the letter the Board decided on at the last CRC Board meeting to stress CRC transit interests was mailed and emailed to a wide group of community leaders. (See the list on the attached copy of that letter.)

Committee Updates: Ms. Spiker summarized the emphases from the ongoing projects since the Board's last meeting. She stressed how the recent activities fall in three categories:

- 1) Connecting to the community: The emergency management, transit, education preparation issues, channel 18 and Raleigh College and Community Collaborative (RCCC) are examples of that emphasis. She reminded them of the Board's decision several years ago to make these kinds of projects a major emphasis. She also told them that she is writing an article for a national consortium publication about CRC's activities toward this goal.
- 2) Professional development for groups where combined resources are particularly effective: The projects that reflect this emphasis include the adjunct professor workshops (now three completed) and the library staff workshops, now in their eighth year.
- 3) Groups meeting for extensive sharing of information and resources within their professional arenas. These groups include the major committees (academic officers, student affairs officer, library leaders, registrars and finance officers) and also new groups like this year's new committees of human resources leaders and the education department leaders. She reported on the two meetings of the HR group this spring, and said she was very impressed by how extensive their sharing was. They seem very hungry to exchange ideas about the kinds of regulations and issues they share. They are not interested in broad workshops but in frequent meetings with their counterparts. The most recent meeting concentrated on Title IX ramifications.

Ms. Spiker also talked about how she is still trying to do more to get students together. That has been challenging with the best success so far through the RCCC. And this spring two public relations students at Saint Augustine's started a CRC internship project using social media to connect students in the CRC network with all kinds of activities in Raleigh/Wake County and on the campuses. She included a page from the CRC website with information about that project.

Other groups to convene: Ms. Spiker said she thinks it's important to bring new groups together each year and asked the Board's advice for groups for next year. They suggested financial aid officers, security officers and facilities leaders.

Reception for members of the institutions' executive teams: Following the meeting the Board members joining members of their executive teams for a reception on the patio. Dr. Allen presented outgoing William Peace University President Debra Townsley with a plaque in honor of her outstanding service on the CRC Board of Directors for the past five years and for her service as president of the Board in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker