



# NCACCT News Briefs

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sept. 4-6**  
**NCACCT**  
**Leadership**  
**Seminar,**  
**Wilmington**
- **Oct. 2-5**  
**ACCT**  
**Leadership**  
**Congress,**  
**Seattle,**  
**WA**

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## State Budget Time: Contact Your Legislators

At the NCACCT Law/ Legislative Seminar in April, Mr. George Little, a trustee at Sandhills Community College, and Dr. Bob Shackelford, president of Randolph Community College, discussed implications of the governor's proposed budget on community colleges across the state.

Of particular significance, is the recommendation to move from a three-year to a two-year rolling average funding model. This would dramatically decrease some colleges' budgets at a stage when registration for the 2013-14 academic year is underway.

Another provision in the Governor's budget would cut \$15 million from the funding of

adjunct faculty.

"This is a direct hit to the spending flexibility colleges need to maintain instructional levels and will mean less instruction," Shackelford said. "Our colleges can't survive using only full-time



faculty with only one-third of the per-student funding level of the UNC System."

The Governor's budget also increases tuition for in-state residents by \$1 per credit hour

and continuing education fees by \$5 per course.

"We have 50 new legislators and we need to be educating them about the importance of the community colleges to the economic well-being of North Carolina," Little said.

Visit [www.ncga.state.nc.us](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us) to find the contact information for the legislators in your district.

NCACCT is working hard on your behalf; however, you are the strength behind all we do because our elected leaders listen to the folks back home. It is imperative that legislators hear from you about how these funding decisions will impact your college and its ability to educate students.

## Some Bottom Line Considerations

Additional comments from Mr. Little's and Dr. Shackelford's presentation:

- Since 2007-2008, community college tuition in NC has increased 64%.
- During that same time period, state expenditures per community college

student have decreased 20%, adjusted for inflation.

- Educational enrollment in NC:  
-K-12: 1.5 million  
-CC: 840,000  
-UNC: 221,000

- 2011-12 Per Student Expenditure:

-UNC: \$13,496

-K-12: \$5,361

-CC: \$4,151

(CCs get 77% of per student funding for K-12. CCs get 30% of per student funding for the UNC System.)

**Bottom line: We have 33% of the educational headcount in North Carolina, but get 9% of the educational budget in North Carolina.**

## Law/Legislative Seminar Educates, Engages

More than 200 community college trustees and presidents from across North Carolina gathered in Raleigh April 10-12 for the NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar. Attendees were armed with information regarding public policy issues that will impact colleges across the state.

Highlights of the seminar included:

- Presentations by Rep. Linda Johnson and Mr. Tony Almeida, Senior Advisor to Governor McCrory for Jobs and the Economy (see one of his presentations on our website).
- Legislative Advocacy presentation by Mr. George Little and Dr. Robert Shackelford (see their comments on our website).
- An articulation panel, which included discussion by community college presidents and staff of the NC Community College System. House Bill 903 was actually filed on the same day that the panel was held (April 11). The bill requires all institutions of the UNC System to adhere to the articulation agreement with the NC Community College System regarding the transfer of courses and credits between the two systems. The bill overwhelmingly passed the NC House on May 1 and now goes to the NC Senate for consideration.
- Over 100 trustees received their New Trustee Orientation and Reappointed Trustee Training.
- Roundtable discussions focusing on advocacy efforts for the colleges. A special "thank you" to the legislators who participated: Senator Angela Bryant, Senator Don Davis, Rep. Charles Graham, Rep. Pat Hurley, Rep. Nathan Ramsey, and Rep. John Torbett.

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*-George Little*



Rep. Linda Johnson, Opening Luncheon Speaker

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# More Highlights from the NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar



Mr. George Little

## Legislative Advocacy



Dr. Bob Shackelford

## Roundtable Discussions: Communicating with Your Legislators



Rep. Nathan Ramsey



Rep. Charles Graham



Rep. John Torbett



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**The mission of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees is to provide education and orientation for the trustees, other needed services to local boards and the community colleges, and to provide advocacy for legislative issues that will provide the resources needed to accomplish the educational mission of the colleges.**

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## **National News:**

# **Share Your Views on Higher Education Act; Here's How**

U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman Kline, Ranking Member Miller, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC), and Ranking Member Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX), have issued a request to students, parents, college leaders, and higher education stakeholders to share their views on policies and amendments that should be included in the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The committee is particularly interested in examining ways to:

- Empower students as consumers in higher education
- Simplify and improve the student aid and loan programs
- Increase college accessibility, affordability, and completion
- Encourage institutions to reduce costs
- Promote innovation to improve access to and delivery of higher education
- Balance the need for accountability with the burden of federal requirements

To submit your feedback, email [HEA.Reauth@mail.house.gov](mailto:HEA.Reauth@mail.house.gov).

Follow this link to view the committee request letter: <http://democrats.edworkforce.house.gov/sites/democrats.edworkforce.house.gov/files/documents/4.25.2013-HEAReauthLetter.pdf>.