

NUMBERED MEMO CC26-023

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Distance Learning, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Officers, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment of 1D SBCCC 400.4 – Faculty

DATE: May 19, 2026

On May 15, 2026, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) initiated the rulemaking process to amend **1D SBCCC 400.4 – Faculty**. The proposed amendment would clarify that, in accordance with the new statutes, the institutional accreditor is no longer required to be SACSCOC. The proposed amendment is published on the NC Community College System's website, [Numbered Memos - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://ncccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the proposed rule, with the adopted language indicated, is attached to this memorandum. Strikethroughs indicate deletions of existing language and underlines indicate additions of language.

Any member of the public has the right to submit written comments on the proposed rule. Please note that any person who submits public comments on behalf of their community college should comply with their college's local process for submitting comments on a proposed rule. **Written comments on the rule must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2026.** Any member of the public has the right to request a hearing on the proposed rule. **Requests for a hearing must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2026.**

Written comments and requests for hearing shall be directed to the following address:
Jonnell Carpenter, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-5001 or by email to
publiccomments@nccommunitycolleges.edu. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Attachment



State Board of Community Colleges Code

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Form

Date: May 19, 2025

Title, Chapter, Subchapter, and Rule Number of Rule Proposed to be Adopted, Amended, or Repealed	Amendment of 1D SBCCC 400.4 – Faculty
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Specify whether the SBCC proposes to amend, adopt, or repeal a rule:

Adopt (new rule)	Amend (change existing rule)	Repeal (delete entire rule)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rationale for proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:	This amendment is consistent with the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes, which indicate that the institution's accrediting body has changed from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to a new institutional accreditor.
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Proposed Effective Date of Rule	August 1, 2026
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1D SBCCC 400.4 is proposed for amendment as follows:



1 **State Board of Community Colleges Code**
2 **TITLE 1 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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4 **CHAPTER D. EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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6 **SUBCHAPTER 400. CURRICULUM**

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8 **1D SBCCC 400.4 Faculty**

9 (a) Colleges shall employ faculty members that meet the ~~Southern Association of~~
10 ~~Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' the criteria of the college's~~
11 institutional accreditor.

12 (b) All faculty providing instruction in programs with external agency oversight must
13 be qualified as established by the respective agency or certifying entity.

14 (c) Colleges shall determine appropriate teaching and non-teaching loads for faculty.

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16 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5;*

17 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

18 *Amended Eff. _____; [November 1, 2017](#); March 1, 2007; July 1,*
19 *1998; September 1, 1993; August 17, 1981; September 30, 1977.*

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