

Bylaws of the Greater Charlotte Consortium

ARTICLE I

NAME

1.01 Name

The name of this organization shall be the Greater Charlotte Consortium (the "Consortium").

ARTICLE II

MISSION

2.01 Mission

The Consortium exists to assist full-time, degree-seeking students in the Charlotte region proceed toward graduation without interruption in their degree progression because of limited course availability on their home campuses.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

3.01 Membership

Membership in the Consortium shall be open to any non-profit college, university, or professional school within forty (40) miles of Charlotte, NC. Generally, an institution must be accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ("Commission on Colleges of SACS") to become a member of the Consortium. If an institution is accredited by a body other than the Commission on Colleges of SACS, the institution may be granted membership provided that any necessary prior notification is given to the Commission on Colleges of SACS to assure that necessary accreditation requirements are met.

There is no annual fee required for membership. If a participating institution demonstrates persistent lack of participation in Consortium activities, its membership may be revoked by a two-thirds majority of the remaining members of the Greater Charlotte Consortium Governance Committee ("GCC Governance Committee"). Persistent lack of participation in Consortium activities will be presumed if an institution fails to send a representative to two or more consecutive meetings of the GCC Governance Committee. The initial participating institutions in the Consortium are:

- The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Central Piedmont Community College
- Winthrop University
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Belmont Abbey College
- Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte, NC Campus
- Pfeiffer University

Institutions desiring to join the Consortium shall submit a letter requesting membership to the Chairperson. Once reviewed for eligibility based on established criteria, the Chairperson will bring the

request to the Consortium voting members via email for approval. If approved by majority vote of the Governance Committee, the institution will be asked to submit a signed Consortium agreement and will become a member of the Consortium with eligibility for student registration beginning the next full semester.

ARTICLE IV

GOVERNANCE

4.01 Governance Committee

The powers of the Consortium shall be vested in the GCC Governance Committee consisting of at least one representative from each participating institution that meets the criteria for membership and have accepted the obligations and responsibilities of membership, preferably the Enrollment Manager or the Registrar at each institution. If a participating institution assigns more than one representative to the GCC Governance Committee, one representative must be designated as the voting representative. The GCC Governance Committee shall be the governing body of the Consortium and shall have the authority to conduct, manage, and control the affairs of the Consortium consistent with these Bylaws.

4.02 Voting

The voting members of the GCC Governance Committee shall consist of one representative from each participating institution. Voting representatives of one-half of the regular member institutions shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the case of a tie, the GCC Governance Committee Chair will cast the deciding vote. Additionally, any proposed consortium activities that will impact the personnel, resources, or normal operations of a participating institution must be approved by the voting representative of that institution.

4.03 Duties of the GCC Governance Committee

Duties of the GCC Governance Committee shall include:

- a. To give general direction to the operation of the Consortium.
- b. To establish programs, policies, and procedures for the work of the Consortium.
- c. To administer the programs established by the Consortium.
- d. To accept and review requests for new membership.
- e. To attend the Annual Review Meeting and other meetings of the GCC Governance Committee as may be called from time to time by the GCC Governance Committee Chair.

4.04 GCC Governance Committee Chair

The GCC Governance Committee Chair shall be the representative from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte who coordinates the annual review of the Consortium and all programs established by the Consortium.

4.05 Meetings

The GCC Governance Committee Chair will convene and oversee a minimum of one meeting per year to review the work of the Consortium from the preceding year, review plans for the coming year, and

approve any new membership requests (the "Annual Review Meeting"). The GCC Governance Committee Chair may also call special meetings of the GCC Committee from time to time as necessary to conduct Consortium business.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

5.01 Amendment

Any amendment to the Bylaws of the Consortium may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the GCC Governance Committee.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

I do hereby certify that the above stated Bylaws of Greater Charlotte Consortium were approved by the Greater Charlotte Consortium Governance Committee on June 13, 2016 and constitute a complete copy of the Bylaws of the organization.

Chairperson: *Ima McEstine*

Date: 6.13.16