

Colleges adopt rules

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KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — The State Board of Community Colleges, facing the worst scandal in the college system's 23-year history, adopted tough checks and balances to prevent phony teachers from collecting pay for bogus classes.

"The integrity of our system's at stake," Bob Scott, community college system president, told the board Thursday. "We acknowledge that mistakes were made, but we pledge that every effort will be made to minimize the likelihood of the situation happening again."

The board's decision came in response to a State Bureau of Investigation probe into financial irregularities at Cape Fear Technical Institute's Pender County campus that involved more than \$1 million paid for bogus continuing education programs.

The guidelines, developed by the Department of Community Colleges and a task force of community college presidents and continuing education deans, are designed to tighten existing controls and eliminate the possibility of undetected fraudulent classes at the state's 58 community colleges.

Scott said the guidelines can't fully protect the community college system from dishonest individuals. But guidelines will reduce the chances of another scam, he said.

"In a system as large as ours, with literally hundreds of thousands of students, thousands of faculty, administrators and employees and millions of state (dollars) involved, there's always a possibility someone

somewhere might try to beat the system," he said.

Supervisors of continuing education instructors will be required to make at least one visit per quarter to each class. Supervisors also will make unannounced visits to the classes.

In addition, the guidelines call for more thorough verification of instructors and student enrollment.

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