

Financial Asset Development Committee (FADC)

Final Minutes

April 16, 2025

3:00 pm – 5:00pm

Hybrid meeting: Zoomgov Meeting

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601663246?pwd=DDpUAgBINbrqNajnfygdb9DOZ7u6JE.1>

Committee Members Present: Katherine Boeck, Tony Hall (Chair), R. V. Kuser, Dreama McCoy, Ryan Rotundo, Kenny Gibbs (for Kathie Smith), Dale Stephenson, Dr. Madhav Swaminathan.

Committee Members Absent: Dawn Allen, Rep. Terry Brown, Beverly Colwell, Dr. Rebecca Putnam, Sandra Terrell, Carla West

Staff in Attendance: Juanita Hooker, David Ingram, Sharron Williams

Guests: Radscheda Nobles, Rashunda Richardson, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Lindsay Tipton.

Introduction:

Tony Hall (Chair) called the meeting into session and welcomed the FADC members. He started the meeting with brief member introductions.

MOTION: Tony requested review of the February 2025 meeting minutes and called for a motion to approve those minutes. Dreama McCoy made a motion to approve the February minutes, and R.V. Kuser seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was reviewed by Sharron Williams, Business Officer, and subsequent funding requests for council approval were introduced by David Ingram, Director of Operations.

Initiative Updates:

Tony Hall introduced Dr. Radscheda Nobles from Winston Salem State University (WSSU) to discuss any questions introduced by the committee. She explained that the appointment to meet with the Provost of WSSU had fortunately been moved to 3:30pm, however, this introductory meeting was important in the process of accomplishing campus leadership support for the development of the IPSE program, so her time with us was limited. She also reported WSSU plans to collaborate with Dr. Pierce and NC Central University (NCCU) HBCU IPSE program. Juanita Hooker provided the background of the recent funding for NCCU and NC State University (NCSU) to begin new IPSE programs. NCSU launched their program in January 2025 with a first cohort of 7 students.

LaCosta Parker requested information to 'catch up' since she was new to the committee. (Staff later emailed a copy of the HBCU IPSE RFA.) Full committee was also reminded to review the links provided in group email earlier in the week for education on current discussions in the news about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and potential changes in hiring trends.

Discussion on Investment Ideas:

Tony invited the committee to discuss ideas for potential investments. Ryan Rotundo reiterated that Rhode Island had entertained self-employment and entrepreneurship as micro-grants to bolster self-advocate businesses. Juanita Hooker presented a compilation for Entrepreneurships and self-employment, and apprenticeships to provide potential investment ideas for the coming 5-year plan. The presented PowerPoint has several links for further review and was agreed to share with the committee. Ryan also shared two links in the chat for articles on self-employment which were provided to the committee again by email and are also included here.

<https://riddc.org/self-employment-project/>

<https://riddc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/DETAC-Self-Employment-Brief.pdf>

Lindsay Tipton joined the committee meeting to discuss her work with Access the Achievement. She provided a PowerPoint update on the history, progression, and projection of the current Access to Achievement (A2A) program. The program covers 15 community colleges and currently serving 809 students. (Original records only noted those participants under a person-centered plan). Early outcomes following one full academic semester documents positive impact in college diplomas, college certificates, college degrees, workforce credentials, and workplace preparation credentials. Recent funding and approval to expand to 25 colleges is reported. Kenny Gibbs asked if the program works with EIPD. Lindsay pointed out the program collaborates with the 6 “Bridges to Success” programs operated through EIPD staff. Students may not all achieve a degree but are expected to achieve self-improvement to accomplish a goal of employment. Participants should only be seeking a pathway to employment. Marjorie inquired into the eligibility criteria. Lindsay explained there is a standard criterion that matriculates to college program. Lindsay agreed to meet with Marjorie outside of the meeting to further discuss her questions. This PowerPoint was also to be shared with the committee.

Jacklyn Boheler was scheduled to present on the Action Tool through Work Together NC, but a breakdown in Zoom access prevented her from joining. Committee members asked if we might have an opportunity to hear her presentation on a later date. Staff provided the link to Work Together NC and agreed to see if another showing could be coordinated. [Action Plans – Work Together NC](#)

Ryan Rotundo shared information about a Digital App for coordinating meetings with legislative members which he felt might be advantageous in which to invest to better coordinate and expand advocacy access. [Advocacy Day - Apps on Google Play](#).

Wrap Up:

Tony Hall reminded the members that the next quarterly NCCDD Council Meeting will be a hybrid meeting and will be held on August 14th and 15th at Cary Hilton Garden Inn, Cary NC. Also, that the Policy Education Committee meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. R.V. Kuser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dreama McCoy seconded. The vote was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.