



## State will pay TNCC leader

Charles A. Taylor will make \$202K until his contract ends in June.

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HAMPTON - — Thomas Nelson Community College President Charles A. Taylor's contract will end at the same time his sabbatical from the school does in June.

Until then, he will be paid by the state's community college governing body.

Taylor announced in an e-mail Aug. 31 that he will take a nine-month leave of absence beginning Oct. 1 to work on a research project with the Virginia Community College System. VCCS officials announced Sept. 2 that Alvin Schexnider will take over as TNCC's interim president.

Taylor denied a request for an interview after his announcement.

On Monday, VCCS officials responded to a request for the details of his contract. Like all administrative faculty in the community college system, Taylor's contract ends June 30, said VCCS spokesman Jeff Kraus.

Taylor's salary is \$202,117, Kraus said. For comparison, Tidewater Community College's president is paid \$208,090, while Rappahannock Community College's president receives \$136,882.

The state community college system will pay Taylor for his work during his sabbatical, in which he will focus on student retention and student success as part of a state community college long-range plan, Kraus said. The VCCS governs all 23 of the state's community colleges.

Last week, VCCS officials declined to provide details of Taylor's contract, saying policy prohibits divulging contract information or any other personnel matters. After being reminded that the contract is a public document, they provided the information.

Taylor took over as TNCC president in 2004, with a base salary of \$158,900.

A public show of dissent against him by TNCC faculty and staff in April indicated problems at the college. Taylor did not address that situation in the e-mail announcement of his sabbatical.