



State Council of
Higher Education for Virginia

Governor's Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment

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Commission Priorities

- Preserve and enhance instructional excellence.
- Increase % of college-age Virginians enrolling and completing.
- Prepare more graduates in STEM and shortage-area fields.
- Forge public-private partnerships and regional strategies for business recruitment, workforce prep, and university research.
- Become national leader in higher education opportunities for military personnel and veterans.
- Craft a sustainable funding model.
- Develop innovative ways to deliver quality instruction, cost savings, and affordable new pathways to degree attainment.
- Evaluate strategies to reduce costs through additional college placement testing and accelerated degree completion.
- Create effective workforce development programs via expanded use of the VCCS in coordination with the EO1 Commission.



Commission Goals

- Increased Degree Attainment, Financial Aid & Workforce Training
 - 100,000 cumulative additional degrees by 2025.
 - Focus on STEM, projected worker shortages, Va residents, financial aid for low & middle income, military personnel and veterans.
 - Coordinate with relevant Secretaries/Agencies on workforce dev.
- Implement Innovation and Cost Containment
 - Model for higher ed funding & service delivery.
 - Reduce/prevent wasteful spending, eliminate redundancy, phase-out low-demand degree programs.
 - Enhance instruction delivery via technology, and increase inter- & intra-sector collaboration, to reduce time/cost to degree.
 - Analyze the Restructuring Act.
- Regional Strategies/Partnerships for Research & Econ. Dev.
 - Increase leveraging of private & federal research funding.
 - Identify funding streams for incentivizing regional collaboration & public-private partnerships.
 - Coordinate w/Commerce & Trade; specifically w/Energy Institute.



2010 Commission Schedule

- July 12: First meeting of full body
Chair: Tom Farrell, CEO, Dominion Resources
Vice Chair: Del. Kirk Cox, 66th District
- July – Sept: Committee meetings
- Sept. 30: Budget recommendations due
- Oct. 12: Second meeting of full body
- Nov. 30: Interim report due
- December: Third meeting of full body



Commission Committees

Degree Attainment, Financial Aid and Workforce Training

Chair: Bill Barr

Vice Chair: Leslie Peterson

Members: Bill Boshier, John Broderick, Del. Kirk Cox, Joann DiGennaro, Mark Dreyfus, Sen. Ed Houck, Robert Lindgren, Carlyle Ramsey, Lin Rose, Sen. Walter Stosch

Staff: Joe DeFilippo and Beverly Covington



Degree Attainment, Aid & Workforce

- July 22: Committee priorities; student demographics; degree production; capacity in private non-profits
- Aug. 31: STEM (K-12, proprietary institutions, NASA); job demand forecasting; employer needs; VCCCS; higher ed centers



Commission Committees

Implement Innovation and Cost Containment

Chair: Todd Stottlemyer

Vice Chair: Pamela Moran

Members: Del. Rosalyn Dance, Jerry Falwell Jr, Rachel Fowlkes, Heywood Fralin, Paul Nardo, Sen. Steve Newman, Sen. Tommy Norment, Del. Beverly Sherwood, Paul Tribble, Dubby Wynne

Staff: Alan Edwards



Innovation & Cost Containment

- July 29: Priorities; Restructuring; President's perspective (Tribble)
- Aug. 23: Distance learning models; tech-enhanced courses; electronic textbooks; VCCS re-engineering efforts
- Sept. 17: Cost containment and savings strategies; pre-college credits; innovative partnerships with K-12; "Pathways" programs



Commission Committees

Regional Strategies/Partnerships for Research and Economic Development

Chair: Raj Narasimhan

Vice Chair: Tom Loehr

Members: Jacob Downer, William Harvey, Bob Holsworth, Del. Scott Lingamfelter, Mirta Martin, Gil Minor, Del. Tom Rust, Charles Steger, Robin Sullenberger, Sen. William Wampler, Charlie Whitaker

Staff: Peter Blake and Nancy Vorona



Research & Economic Development

- Aug. 2: Priorities; EO1 update; Restructuring; Tobacco Commission R&D program; R&D tax incentives
- Aug. 16: Intellectual property; federal relations; Va Tech activities; IALR; Advanced Manufacturing Center
- Sept. 8: Economic development via research; R&D commercialization; CIT; R&D tax incentives