

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2012
MINUTES**

Ms. DiGennaro called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, James Monroe building, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Gilbert Bland, Joann DiGennaro, and Julious Smith.

Committee members absent: Johanna Chase, and Mary Haddad

Other Council members present: Steve Haner, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor

Staff members present: Beverly Covington, Joseph DeFilippo, Monica Osei, Lee Ann Rung, and Linda Woodley. Greer Saunders from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bland, the minutes from the May 21, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo distributed a copy of his report, which included the following items:

Military Education Advisory Committee: The first meeting was held on May 16. The group split into two subcommittees, both of which have met. Additional information will be shared at the September meeting.

Digital Learning Resources: At the request of the Secretary of Education, SCHEV and VCCS are collaborating to lead a multi-institution group to plan an event to promote expanded use of digital learning resources (e-texts and other materials). The event will be held at an institution in March 2013. A feasibility review is being prepared for circulation this fall that will explore the possibility of a state-level agreement for digital learning.

College Access Challenge Grant - Increasing Adult Degree Completion Program: Following a panel review of submissions from Virginia institutions, SCHEV decided to award a total of approximately \$300,000 to six institutions to support programs that meet specified Virginia needs in bringing adults back to higher education and assisting them in completing an academic program. A report is expected within days regarding which institutions and programs will be selected.

What It Means to be an Educated Virginian: Dr. DeFilippo distributed an article that will appear in the upcoming SCHEV newsletter detailing the discussions that took place at the meeting that was held on June 13, 2012. Approximately 100 people attended. Feedback from the event was positive. Presentations from the conference will be posted on the SCHEV website.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Christopher Newport University (CNU)

Dr. DeFilippo described the program and invited Dr. Osei and Dr. Ericson, Social Work Director from CNU, to provide additional information. Dr. Ericson clarified that students also must pursue a solid liberal arts curriculum and focus on meeting 10 competencies. The competencies are required by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), which is the body responsible for developing accreditation standards that define competent preparation and provide assurance that social work programs meet them. On motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Christopher Newport University to initiate a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Social Work (CIP: 44.0701), effective spring 2013.

George Mason University (GMU)

Dr. DeFilippo indicated that this program incorporates a number of workplace skills and competencies. On Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bland, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree program in Creative Writing (CIP: 23.1302), effective spring 2013.

Dr. DeFilippo provided information about the Master of Arts in Middle East and Islamic Studies and indicated that the curriculum is multi-disciplinary and will require students to complete coursework in history, religious studies, and government. In answer to a question about the need to recruit faculty, Peter Manville from GMU reported that the program will be built with existing faculty. On motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Middle East and Islamic Studies (CIP: 05.0108), effective spring 2013.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VT)

Dr. DeFilippo reported that the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture will require students to complete one university-approved minor or a second major to strengthen their breadth of learning and prepare for a variety of vocations. Representatives from VT answered questions from members about duplication and workforce needs. On motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bland, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Religion and Culture (CIP: 38.0299), effective spring 2013.

Dr. DeFilippo provided information about the proposed interdisciplinary program in Material Culture and Public Humanities that combines the study of material or physical objects and the placement of those objects in a critical or historical perspective with the public humanities. The curriculum seeks to encourage dialogue between scholars and communities on cultural and social issues. Ms. DiGennaro asked for clarification about student demand and Dr. Bailey Van Hook, Professor in the School of Visual Arts, provided information about the relationship between public history and VT's outreach mission. In answer to a question raised by Mr. Smith regarding the low student demand, Dr. Betty Fine, Associate Professor in the Department of Religion and Culture, and one of architects of the program, said the program will serve constituencies in small towns trying to develop an asset based economy. The program was designed to study what is important to a community in order to preserve it and help revitalize the local economy. Mr. Lockhart asked about letters of support and institutional representatives reported that the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and other organizations wrote letters promising internships for students. On motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bland, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Material Culture and Public Humanities (CIP: 30.1201), effective spring 2013.

Mr. Minor joined the meeting at 3:40.

ACTION ON PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (POPE) INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Dr. DeFilippo provided brief comments and indicated that staff recommended approval. On motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies the Institute for Statistics Education to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 16, 2012.

ACTION ON MINOR REVISIONS TO SCHEV ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE POLICY

Dr. DeFilippo explained that SCHEV's policy was last updated following Council action in October, 2005. As a result of a recent review of the policy by SCHEV staff, a number of revisions have been identified. The proposed revisions included: 1) specification that "closures" of organizational entities are covered by the policy; 2) timeline modifications for certain decision actions; 3) clarification that organizational changes are subject to Council approval prior to initiation; and 4) clarification of components of paperwork that must be submitted to secure SCHEV approval, particularly in the case of "simple" organizational changes.

Mr. Lockhart asked if the proposed language also applied to administrative changes. Dr. DeFilippo indicated that it was intended to address only the academic organizational units. Members felt this should be made clear and Dr. DeFilippo agreed to research the matter further with staff and report back to the Committee in September. On motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bland, the following resolution was approved unanimously with the understanding that staff would provide clarification relative to administrative changes at the next meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts proposed revisions to the policy, "Organizational Changes at Public Institutions: Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-campus Organizational Changes," to take effect August 1, 2012.

UPDATE ON ACT COLLEGE

Ms. Woodley reported that the inspector general has released 15 computers and servers to SCHEV and she is working with VITA to gain access to the student information on this equipment. Efforts to communicate with students continue, and updated information has been placed on the SCHEV website. Mr. Haner suggested that in the future, safeguards should be put in place to determine who has permission to obtain the student data as well as the best way to access the information when a school closes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Joann DiGennaro
Acting Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Lee Ann Rung
Manager, Executive & Council Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY METRICS TASK FORCE
JULY 16, 2012
MINUTES**

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, James Monroe building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Joann DiGennaro, Stephen Haner, G. Gilmer Minor, Gene Lockhart, and Julious Smith. President Ed Ayers from the University of Richmond was in attendance representing the private colleges.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Alan Edwards, Joe DeFilippo, Tod Massa, Kirsten Nelson, and Lee Ann Rung. Greer Saunders from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haner requested that the minutes from the June 18, 2012, meeting be corrected to state that the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. On motion by Ms. DiGennaro and seconded by Mr. Haner, the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

STAFF REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUNE 18 MEETING

Mr. Massa suggested that the changes submitted by President Gray be incorporated into the final product and he indicated that he would continue to work with institutions to address their concerns.

Two rounds of review are being planned. The first is a series of webinars in which Mr. Massa will provide the same presentation to institutional representatives that was presented to Council. The website and wage outcome data will be presented, along with an explanation of what has been done, and how it has been done. A review of the restrictions will be presented. Public Relations staff from institutions will be included to ensure that everyone involved in the publication has the same understanding of the data. Ms. Nelson's plan to involve the press is well advised and this group will be given the information a few days prior to the release.

Mr. Blake informed the members that staff has been seeking feedback from various groups along the way and provided information about the limits of what can and cannot be done. To date, staff has met with public college presidents, the private college president representing the private institutions; the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, and other individuals and groups. As a result, the final product has been enhanced to incorporate all of the feedback received.

Mr. Minor reminded staff of the importance of presenting the data in such a way that the average person can understand it. He realized the intensity of the project and commended Mr. Massa for his good work.

Mr. Smith requested that the task force members be provided with another chance to see the final product before it is released to the public. As a result, a meeting of the task force will be scheduled for September 24.

President Ayers provided his feedback, as well as the message from the private colleges in general. He asked about the percentage of the cohort that will be represented and Mr. Massa indicated that while the answer is dependent on many factors, the typical percentage of employment at the bachelor's level is about 40-45%.

President Ayers said that he is concerned that the data will not fully represent institutions, both public and private, that draw a large percentage of students from outside the Commonwealth. He indicated that his concerns are about the message rather than the data. He would like to ensure that the message focuses on the many paths to opportunities that are available through Virginia colleges. He asked that a shared focus be on students and the various opportunities available for success.

Mr. Lambeth thanked the Council for including his organization in the briefing. Speaking on behalf of the private institutions in the CICV, he expressed concern that the data spotlight the income of students that are less than 18 months out of school. He said the introductory language could be improved with a very clear statement written from a non-technical standpoint. He also said that the website should provide a disclosure up front explaining the limitations of the data and the reasons why some colleges don't appear on the chart.

Mr. Haner mentioned that at the recent National Governors Association meeting there was discussion about transparency in higher education. He said that Margaret Spellings, former U.S. Secretary of Education, mentioned that Virginia is a leader in this area. Since the spotlight is already on us and the data will continue to grow, he felt it was important to recognize that this is a snapshot and not the full outcome.

Mr. Massa explained the reason earnings data are being released first instead of together with the student debt data is that there is a greater variation in debt than in wage data. Therefore, releasing the wage data first was preferred.

Ms. DiGennaro shared her observations on the initiative and suggested that SCHEV lead - not follow - interpretation of the data, and in educating legislators. She suggested that an analysis of the published stories that come out will help determine how the public is interpreting the data.

Mr. Smith reminded members that this will be a continual process and he expressed his hope that as part of the strategy, staff be prepared with a series of articles that will respond to assumptions that could be made.

Mr. Lockhart said there should be an emphasis on key take-aways from the data and a consistent tag line. He felt there are many more questions than answers at this point.

Ms. Nelson reported that staff will reach out to higher education reporters who have a proven ability to write about complicated issues and said she feels the message can be properly managed.

Additional information will be shared at the next meeting. Members suggested that the press briefing include a private and public college president.

Mr. Massa indicated that the scheduled release date is late September. In keeping with the request to allow the task force to review the finished product one last time before it is released to the public, it was decided that the task force will meet on Monday, September 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Julious Smith
Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Manager, Executive & Council Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2012
MINUTES**

Mr. Bland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, James Monroe building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Whittington Clement, Joann DiGennaro, Stephen Haner, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, Gary Nakamoto, Julious Smith, and Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: Johanna Chase, Mary Haddad

Staff members present: Jim Alessio, Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Tod Massa, Tierney McAuley, Kirsten Nelson, Lee Ann Rung, Diane Vermaaten, Linda Woodley, and Yan Zheng. Greer Saunders from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

AGENDA

Mr. Bland asked that the Economic Opportunity Metrics Task Force report be moved to an earlier time on the agenda to accommodate Mr. Smith.

WELCOME

Mr. Bland introduced and welcomed Gene Lockhart and Gary Nakamoto to the Council. Both new members shared relevant information about their backgrounds and indicated their eagerness to address the challenges and opportunities in higher education in the Commonwealth.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received in advance of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Ms. DiGennaro, the minutes from the May 22, 2012, meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

REMARKS BY BETH MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF VIRGINIA COLLEGES, BRYANT & STRATTON

Mr. Bland introduced Ms. Murphy and provided a brief description of her role at Bryant and Stratton. Ms. Murphy provided an overview of educational opportunities

provided by all of the POPE institutions. Most of these institutions cater to the unique, nontraditional student and offer courses that meet specific workforce needs. She also provided information about Bryant & Stratton's mission, indicating it is an outcomes-based institution that takes a personalized approach to educating students from enrollment to graduation. The Richmond campus offers a children's center that offers child minding for their mostly female student population.

In answer to a question about how the Council can support the POPE institutions, she suggested that the private institutions be offered a seat at the table when discussing improvements to the higher education system. She also stressed that SCHEV recognize that all institutions are working toward the same goal of educating Virginians. Mark Singer, Executive Director of the Virginia Career College Association was introduced.

ACTION ON REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Mr. Clement reminded members that former chair, Susan Magill, appointed Mr. Dyke and him to serve with her on the nominating committee, which met in May. He reported that the Nominating Committee recommended **Mr. Bland for the position of Chair, Mr. Minor for Vice Chair, and Ms. Webb for Secretary**. The motion was seconded by Ms. DiGennaro. No nominations were received from the floor and the nominating committee's recommendation was **approved unanimously**.

Mr. Bland thanked his fellow members for the vote of confidence. He said he expects the Council to be successful if everyone works together. Mr. Minor echoed Mr. Bland's sentiments and said he has found the team approach of the Council to be very rewarding and looks forward to continuing the Council's good work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Blake distributed a copy of his report and highlighted the following items:

Marketing Virginia partnership. College and university presidents met last month with Martin Briley, president of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and began signing the partnership agreement between SCHEV, presidents, and VEDP.

Lumina Foundation. At the request of Secretary of Education Laura Fornash, SCHEV staff met recently with a Lumina Foundation program officer and staff from HCM Strategies to talk about two areas of interest: performance incentive funding and the Virginia Longitudinal Data System.

2012-13 Tuition and Fees. Mr. Blake reported that the tuition rate increase for 2012-13 is approximately 4.5%; the lowest in Virginia in ten years and a direct result of more than \$100M appropriated to higher education in the current biennium by the Governor and General Assembly.

Increasing adult degree completion solicitation. With funds from the federal College Access Challenge Grant, SCHEV staff is preparing to release \$312,000 to six institutions to support initiatives to increase credential attainment among adults. This remains a top issue for Governor McDonnell and is a priority of the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

Military Education Advisory Committee. SCHEV created this committee earlier this year. The committee divided its work into two groups, and staff will present both sets of guidelines to Council for its approval in January.

Violence Prevention and Campus Safety. Governor McDonnell signed an executive order to continue the work of the Governor's Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Advisory Board. Kirsten Nelson serves on this board and its Campus Safety Subcommittee.

Longwood University Interim President. The Longwood University board of visitors has selected Marge Connelly to be its interim president, succeeding President Patrick Finnegan, who retired in May.

Mr. Blake also reported on his and staff's recent meetings and travels in the Commonwealth on behalf of SCHEV.

Thomas D. Daley. SCHEV mourns the loss of its deputy directory, Tom Daley, who died June 4. Mr. Blake recognized Mr. Daley's many accomplishments.

Mr. Blake thanked Ms. Boyd and Ms. Norris for their efforts in handling agency budget and operational issues after Mr. Daley's passing.

Mr. Blake thanked Greer Saunders from the Office of the Attorney General for her wise counsel to SCHEV. He reported that Ms. Saunders will assume a new position with the Virginia Community College System within the Office of the Attorney General. The agency will soon be assigned a new general counsel.

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (GEAR UP) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Blake explained the background of the program which SCHEV has administered for the last 12 years. The program did not receive funding for the next cycle, but he said Council would benefit from learning about the program's impact on Virginia students. Mr. Lee Andes, Assistant Director for Financial Aid, and Ms. Tierney McAuley, GEAR UP Virginia Scholarship Administrator, provided a presentation about the program. Mr. Andes provided information on the number of students served, and Ms. McAuley explained the eligibility requirements and the application process. She also addressed the outreach efforts by staff to increase the awareness of GEAR UP award opportunities. A top GEAR UP applicant, Christina Hamm, was introduced and shared part of her essay explaining what she felt was the most important of aspect of the GEAR UP grant.

In answer to a question by Mr. Minor, Dr. DeFilippo indicated that he would research the timing of the next round of applications so that SCHEV could apply for future GEAR UP grants. Ms. DiGennaro felt the Council could provide assistance in obtaining endorsements on both the state and federal level. Staff was asked to research other grant opportunities as well.

Mr. Blake reported that some of the current GEAR UP staff will continue at SCHEV for a number of months. Mr. Blake also recognized Ms. Nelson who assisted with the GEAR UP presentation and thanked Ms. Hamm and her parents for attending.

Mr. Blake read the following certificate of recognition which was moved by Ms. Webb, seconded by Mr. Lockhart, and approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, GEAR UP Virginia will complete the six year term of its current funding period on July 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, this will mark the twelfth full year of GEAR UP grants administered by SCHEV to improve the educational attainment of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, due to the creative efforts of GEAR UP staff more than ten thousand Virginia students and their families have benefitted from tutoring, mentoring, financial advice, college trips, and many other activities and events; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bob McDonnell has articulated for the Commonwealth of Virginia the goal of increasing college attainment by at least 100,000 additional degrees by 2025; and

WHEREAS Governor McDonnell's vision for a more educated citizenry in the Commonwealth is wholly consistent with the Council's values and priorities, and especially with the years-long work of GEAR UP Virginia;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby recognizes the accomplishments of GEAR UP Virginia and offers its heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated work of GEAR UP staff,

Harvey Carmichael

Alice Funk

Christine Kemp

Gary Krapf

Erin McGrath

Deborah Morgan

Linda Staylor

Kimberly Waid

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of GEAR UP Virginia be presented with a copy of this resolution as a durable reminder of the esteem in which they are held, both by the Council and by their colleagues at SCHEV.

Dr. Krapf, GEAR UP Virginia Director, thanked his team and said over 8,000 students have been served through GEAR UP since it was first implemented in Virginia. He stressed the invaluable difference that programs such as GEAR UP have made in the life of Virginia students.

REPORT FROM ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY METRICS TASK FORCE

Mr. Smith reminded members that after Mr. Massa's presentation in May, a task force was appointed by Ms. Magill. The task force met on June 18 to discuss the information presented by staff. Minutes from the June 18 meeting were included in the agenda book. The task force also met on July 16 and received feedback from the private colleges. Ed Ayers, President of the University of Richmond, and Robert Lambeth, President of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, were present. Mr. Smith indicated that Mr. Massa will continue to meet with various constituencies for input before the data is released to the public. The task force will meet again before the data is disseminated to the public in late September. Ms. DiGennaro thanked Mr. Massa for his work in making the complex data comprehensible. Mr. Haner informed the members that at the recent National Governors Association meeting that he attended, this type of reporting on accountability and results was discussed, and Virginia was praised for being a leader in this area.

BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION:

Preliminary Discussion of Potential Budget Amendments for the 2012-14 Biennium

Mr. Hix was thanked for his work in preparing the agenda item though he was not in attendance. Dr. Yan Zheng, Assistant Director for Finance Policy, was present to answer questions. Mr. Blake provided background on the budget process and reminded members that the 2013 General Assembly session will be a short session, in which adjustments to existing budgets are made. Mr. Blake reminded members of the timetable which includes preliminary Council review in July and September, and final approval in October before items are transmitted to the Governor and General Assembly. Mr. Haner suggested exploring matching funds from private companies to enhance the equipment trust fund. Ms. DiGennaro felt the Council should work closely with the academic community and other stakeholders to ensure that the goals are attainable. Members suggested that the Council review the recommendations from the Higher Education Advisory Committee related to performance funding. Mr. Clement suggested looking at how well each priority was received last session relative to other priorities in order to highlight gaps that may merit request of new funds.

BREAK

The chair called for a break at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Smith left the meeting after the break. The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

Update on Higher Education Advisory Committee (HEAC)

Mr. Alessio provided background on the responsibilities of the HEAC and provided an update on the work of the Performance Measures Workgroup. HEAC is expected to develop recommendations at its August 27 meeting and forward its recommendations to the Council. Council will review the recommendations in September and provide feedback. The Council will finalize its recommendations in October for transmittal to the Governor and General Assembly.

There was some discussion of incentive funding and Mr. Blake answered questions from members. Mr. Alessio provided a timeline for the current six year plan process. Ms. Webb expressed concern about putting the performance measures in legislation.

Update on Board of Visitors Orientation

Ms. DiGennaro provided information about last year's orientation session and said this year's event is currently being planned for October 23. In light of recent events in Virginia, emphasis will be placed on providing new members with an understanding of board of visitor responsibilities and their relationship with the academic community. Ms. DiGennaro suggested that a list of acronyms used in the Commonwealth be provided in the orientation materials. Newly appointed board of visitors and rectors will be invited to attend. She reminded the Council that the orientation is a SCHEV initiative and requested that members attend if possible. Council members were asked to provide suggestions for speakers or other program details to Ms. DiGennaro or Mr. Blake. Ms. Webb suggested that since this year's session will likely be more closely scrutinized, she felt it would be useful to have conversations with the college presidents to help plan the substance of the meeting and perhaps consult with the Office of the Attorney General to be sure governance is properly addressed.

Mr. Clement left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Ms. DiGennaro indicated that she chaired the committee for Ms. Haddad and reported on the following items. Dr. DeFilippo was asked to provide a brief overview of the action items.

Dr. DeFilippo explained the Council's responsibility to approve new programs as stated in the *Code of Virginia*. He reviewed the process from the time a program is submitted by an institution to the time it is submitted for Council review. He reminded members that they are free to exercise judgment on any recommendations brought forward by staff. Staff routinely confers with the academic affairs committee chair prior to each meeting to give the chair an opportunity to ask questions prior to the committee meeting. Mr. Haner suggested that Council be provided with a comprehensive list of the number of programs approved, including a list of proposed

programs in the pipeline. Mr. Lockhart also requested an explanation of whether or not the program fits within the institutional priorities.

Ms. Webb left the meeting at 12:10. A quorum was still present.

The following resolutions approved by the Academic Affairs Committee were approved unanimously (6-0):

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

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Action on Private and Out-of-State Post-secondary Education Institutional Certifications

Dr. DeFilippo provided a brief explanation and the following resolution approved by the Academic Affairs Committee was seconded by Mr. Haner and approved unanimously (6-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies the Institute for Statistics Education to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 16, 2012.

Action on Minor Revisions to SCHEV Organizational Change Policy

Ms. DiGennaro reported that the Academic Affairs Committee approved the following resolution with the proviso that staff would provide clarification relative to administrative changes. The resolution was approved unanimously (6-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts proposed revisions to the policy, "Organizational Changes at Public Institutions: Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-campus Organizational Changes," to take effect August 1, 2012.

Update on ACT College

Dr. DeFilippo reported that federal agents seized the records of ACT College when it closed, which created a logistical problem for SCHEV since the agency is required to take over student records upon school closure. A computer and server have been returned to SCHEV and staff is negotiating with VITA to gain access to the information on the server. A follow-up report will be provided to the Council at its September meeting.

ACTION ON 2012-13 FULL COST REPORT

Mr. Blake provided background information and on motion by Mr. Haner and seconded by Mr. Minor, the following resolution was approved unanimously (6-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2012-13 Full Cost Report.

DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Mr. Bland indicated that this item would be discussed at a special planning meeting of the Council to be held on August 15. Members were encouraged to attend and will be provided with further details prior to the meeting.

ITEMS DELEGATED TO STAFF

Mr. Blake noted the categories of recent actions taken by staff as delegated by the Council. As required, a copy of these actions is attached to the minutes. In response to a question raised by one of the members, Dr. DeFilippo agreed to look into the question of whether or not program discontinuance includes talented students.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Special guest, Betsey Daley, was presented with the following memorial resolution honoring SCHEV's Deputy Director, Thomas Daley:

WHEREAS, Thomas D. Daley passed away on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daley served the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia with dedication and distinction, most recently as Deputy Director from 2005 until 2012, including service as Acting Agency Head in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daley served the Commonwealth, and Virginia public higher education specifically, for over half of his life in positions at SCHEV, the College of William and Mary, the University of Virginia, and the Virginia Community College System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daley brought unparalleled excellence and integrity to his work on behalf of the Council, particularly in his analysis of capital-outlay needs, as well as in his management of the agency's administrative and budgetary functions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daley set exacting standards for his analyses, writings, and presentations, thereby raising the bar for his colleagues and leaving an indelible legacy on the agency and on Virginia higher education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation posthumously to Thomas Daley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its profound sorrow for the loss of a true public servant and offers its heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends of Thomas Daley on his untimely passing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bland reminded members that the next meeting is scheduled for September 24-25 at the University of Mary Washington. The joint meeting with presidents will be held on September 24. He encouraged all members to attend the planning session on August 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Katharine Webb
Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Manager for Council and Executive Affairs

Items Delegated to Director/Staff

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes," the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Old Dominion University	Change the program title from a Bachelor of Science degree program in Recreation and Tourism Studies to a Bachelor of Science degree program in Park, Recreation and Tourism Studies (31.0301).	Fall 2012

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes," the following items were reported:

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
George Mason University	Discontinue the Master of Science degree program in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (26.1309). [Program Approved: Date: July 19, 2005].	Spring 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Undergraduate Certificate program in Autism Spectrum Disorders (13.1013).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Autism Spectrum Disorders (13.1013).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program in College Student Personnel Administration (13.1102).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program in Gerontology (30.1101).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program in Higher Education Assessment Specialist (13.0604).	Summer 2012

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program in Management of International Non-Governmental Organizations (44.0401).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program Network/Information Security (11.1003).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program in Secure Computer and Database System (11.0103).	Summer 2012
James Madison University	Initiate Certificate program in Strategic Planning for International Stabilization and Recovery (44.9999).	Summer 2012
University of Virginia	Discontinue the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree program in Education Policy Studies (13.0701). [Program Approved: Date: July 28, 1997]	July 1, 2012
University of Virginia	Discontinue the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Educational Policy Studies (13.0701). [Program Approved: Date: July 28,1997]	July 1, 2012
University of Virginia	Discontinue the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree program in Educational Psychology (42.1801). [Program Approved: Date: BCHE]	July 1, 2012
University of Virginia	Discontinue the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree program in Health and Physical Education (13.1314). [Program Approved: Date: September 1977]	July 1, 2012
University of Virginia	Discontinue the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree program in Special Education (13.1001). [Program Approved: Date: BCHE]	July 1, 2012

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes," the following items were reported:

Organizational Changes / Off-campus Instructional Sites

Institution	Change / Site	Effective Date
University of Virginia	Close the Bechtel Conference Center site located at 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191.	August 8, 2012
University of Virginia	Establish the Waterview Conference Center site located at 1919 North Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209.	August 9, 2012

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes," the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Organizational Changes / Off-campus Instructional Sites

Institution	Change / Site	Effective Date
James Madison University	Reorganize the College of Integrated Sciences and Technology and the School of Engineering to create the College of Health and Behavioral Studies and, the College of Integrated Science and Engineering .	July 1, 2012
University of Virginia	Rename the Department of Science, Technology and Society to the Department of Engineering and Society .	August 1, 2012

Pursuant to Council policy, one Governor's STEM Academy proposal was reviewed and approved as delegated to staff:

Governor's STEM Academy

Title of Academy	Bridging Communities Governor's STEM Academy
Location	New Kent, VA
Name of Lead Entity	Bridging Communities Regional Career and Technical Center (Middlesex County Schools, King William County Schools, King and Queen County Schools, New Kent County Schools, Charles City County Schools).
Date of Approval	May 10, 2012
Academy Initiation	2012-13