

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
PLANNING GROUP ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
RESEARCH  
DECEMBER 3, 2013  
MINUTES**

Ms. DiGennaro called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Joann DiGennaro and Stephen Haner. Council member, Gene Lockhart, was listening by phone.

Council member absent: Gary Nakamoto

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, and Lee Ann Rung

Others present: Evan Feinman (Gov-elect transition team), Don Finley, (Virginia Business Higher Education Council), Ken Gabriel (George Mason), Joe May (Virginia House of Delegates), Keith Martin (Virginia Chamber of Commerce), Allen Morris (Virginia Commonwealth University), Ann Nichols-Casebolt (Virginia Commonwealth University), Liz Povar (Virginia Economic Development Partnership), Nancy Vorona (Center for Innovative Technology, by phone)

**WELCOME**

Ms. DiGennaro asked participants to introduce themselves and called for a short lunch break until a quorum could be assembled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Staff contacted Mr. Nakamoto and learned that he was delayed and was unable to attend. Because a quorum was not present, the meeting continued as a discussion only. As a result, the minutes from the September 10, 2013, meeting were not approved.

**REVIEW OF REVISED PURPOSE STATEMENT**

A draft of the revised purpose statement was distributed and discussed. The group agreed that the forum should conclude with a list of 3-4 short- and long-term action items that could be advanced.

## **REVIEW OF REVISED AGENDA**

Ms. DiGennaro reviewed the draft agenda that was updated based on discussion at the last meeting. She asked Delegate May to provide input on the benefit of including a discussion of intellectual property (IP) on the agenda. He said he has been working with a group to find more effective ways to protect IP without applying for patents. He felt more could be done to develop relationships between the universities, researchers, and legislators in this regard. Mr. Blake indicated that the draft agenda would need to be prioritized in order to keep it to one day. Staff will revise the agenda based on discussions at this meeting.

## **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL INVITEES AND PARTICIPANTS**

Ms. DiGennaro asked that participants provide other additional partners and send all suggestions to Mr. Blake by December 13. Mr. Blake indicated that staff would send a reminder.

With regard to Governor-elect McAuliffe's attendance, Mr. Feinman suggested that a request be sent now to the scheduling office, and again in January.

Mr. Finley asked Delegate May for input on legislative leadership that should be included, and he provided suggestions.

## **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL LOCATION AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS**

Ms. DiGennaro reviewed the cost estimates that were developed by staff, based on a recent event held at the Richmond Omni. It was agreed that the event should be held at a Richmond hotel.

## **DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS**

Ms. DiGennaro provided a recap of the meeting and next steps:

- The anticipated date for the forum will be the first week in April 2014
- The event will be held at a Richmond hotel
- Staff should plan for approximately 300 participants
- Participants will provide to Mr. Blake by December 13, a list of additional organizations that should be included
- Participants agreed that the forum should conclude with be a list of 3-5 action items that could be advanced

The next meeting will be scheduled sometime in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Joann DiGennaro, Chair

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Lee Ann Rung  
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