

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JULY 21, 2014
MINUTES**

Mr. Gene Lockhart (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Section B of the Workforce Development and Conference Center, on the campus of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, VA.

Committee members present: Gil Bland, Johanna Chase, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, Gil Minor, Pamela Moran

Committee members absent: Heywood Fralin

Staff members present: Beverley Covington Joseph DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Ashley Myers, Kirsten Nelson, Monica Osei, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Light, minutes from the May 19, 2014, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

*Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Atmospheric Sciences
George Mason University*

Dr. DeFilippo provided a summary of the proposed B.S. in Atmospheric Sciences.

Dr. David Wu, Dr. Paul Schof, Dr. Joe Pancrazio, Dean Kenneth Ball, Dr. Oscar Barton and Ms. Robin Parker were in attendance from George Mason University.

Mr. Lockhart inquired whether most students achieving this degree would go on to get their M.S., Ph.D., or begin their careers in the private or public sector.

Dr. Schof responded that most students would likely pursue a M.S. or Ph.D. after completing the B.S. in Atmospheric Sciences.

Staff recommended adoption and on motion by Ms. Chase and seconded by Mr. Minor, 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 Science

(B.S.) degree program in Atmospheric Sciences (CIP: 40.0401), effective spring 2015.

*Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Bioengineering
George Mason University*

Dr. DeFilippo provided a summary of the proposed Ph.D. in Bioengineering.

Staff recommended adoption and on motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Mr. Light, 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 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Bioengineering (CIP: 14.0501), effective spring 2015.

*Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Microbiology
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

Dr. Lay Nam Chang, Dr. J. P. Morgan, Dr. Ann Stevens, Dr. David Popham, and Dr. Robin Panneton were in attendance from Virginia Tech.

Staff recommended adoption and on motion by Mr. Minor 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 Science (B.S.) degree program in Microbiology (CIP: 26.0502), effective spring 2015.

*Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nanoscience
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

Staff recommended adoption and on motion by Ms. Chase and seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 Science (B.S.) degree program in Nanoscience (CIP: 40.9999), effective spring 2015.

**ACTION ON FINAL APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Dr. DeFilippo provided a summary on the revised funding plan for the proposed nursing program.

Staff recommended adoption and on motion by Mr. Light 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 the University of Mary Washington to initiate a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N) degree program in Nursing (CIP: 51.3801), effective fall 2014.

REPORT ON PROPOSED ENGINEERING PROGRAMS AT CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY AND GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Proposed Electrical Engineering Program Christopher Newport University

Dr. DeFilippo provided a summary report of the proposed electrical engineering program.

Mr. Light inquired about the electrical engineering figures on page A29 and Dr. DeFilippo commented on possible ambiguities in the way IPEDS distinguishes between electrical and electronics, etc. He noted that the figures assist with observing broader trends and there is not a precise direct match between degrees and occupations.

Dr. Moran asked about engineering positions that are filled with non-Virginians. Dr. DeFilippo responded that there is substantial out of state recruiting.

In response to Mr. Bland, Dr. DeFilippo confirmed that Christopher Newport University and Newport News Shipbuilding already collaborate and partner on degree programs that meet industry needs.

Dr. David Doughty (Christopher Newport University) commented that adding the electrical engineering program can be done at a low cost due to its close relations to the existing computer engineering degree program. He also noted the higher cost at which H-1B visas are being used to meet the 22% national gap.

Mr. Bland inquired whether there would be any cost savings for Christopher Newport to further collaborate with Newport News Shipbuilding, Jefferson Labs, and/or NASA Langley Research Center. Dr. Doughty confirmed that there are cost-saving opportunities to which Mr. Light and Mr. Lockhart asked what infrastructure was needed to assist. Dr. Doughty noted the current collaboration that includes adjunct professors at Christopher Newport University from Jefferson Labs and a current proposal for an additional staff position and two faculty positions.

Mr. Lockhart opened the floor for a proposal and on motion by Ms. Moran and seconded by Mr. Minor, the Council approved moving forward with the program approval:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Christopher Newport University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Electrical Engineering (CIP: 14.1001), effective spring 2015.

*Proposed Mechanical Engineering Program
George Mason University*

Dr. DeFilippo provided a summary report of the proposed mechanical engineering program.

Mr. Lockhart asked Dr. Ken Ball (George Mason University) what breadth of discipline exists for mechanical engineering degree program graduates as it relates to potential employment. Dr. Ball responded that cancer research, chemical pharmaceuticals, construction, advanced manufacturing, wind energy, and fluid flow are just a few of the related fields. He also commented that the applications of mechanical engineering have changed in recent years, but the foundation remains unchanged.

Mr. Lockhart asked about the dual admissions agreement to which Dr. Abe Eftekhari (Northern Virginia Community College) noted that it is being developed and the changing structure of the community colleges has provided a stronger pathway for many students.

Mr. Lockhart opened the floor for a proposal and on motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Mr. Light, the Council approved moving forward with the program approval:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Mechanical Engineering (CIP: 14.1901), effective spring 2015.

Dr. Moran expressed her appreciation to Dr. Ball and George Mason University for their innovative focus on curriculum and mechanical engineering as the design interface.

Mr. Lockhart thanked Dr. DeFilippo and his staff for their extensive research on this detailed analysis.

Mr. Lockhart prepared Committee action on agenda items 6-8 altogether. On motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Ms. Chase, approval of all resolutions under headings listed below:

- *ACTION ON PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (POPE) INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATIONS*
- *ACTION ON PROGRAM PRODUCTIVITY REVIEW*
- *ACTION ON POLICY ON THE RECIPROCAL AUTHORIZATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Augusta Health School of Clinical Laboratory Science to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Heart to Heart Career Training Center to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Mid-Atlantic Coding to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Empire Beauty School to operate a postsecondary institution with branches in Midlothian, Richmond and Virginia Beach in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

ACTION ON PROGRAM PRODUCTIVITY REVIEW

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the following degree program actions, as listed by institution, degree level, and title:

A. Continue without condition:

- **Christopher Newport University**
 - Bachelor, Interdisciplinary Studies
- **College of William & Mary**
 - Bachelor, Chinese Language and Culture
 - Bachelor, German
 - Master, Applied Science
 - Master, Psychology
- **George Mason University**
 - Bachelor, Religious Studies
 - Bachelor, Astronomy
 - Bachelor, Global and Environment Change
 - Master, Anthropology
 - Master, Art History

- **Master, Bioinformatics Management**
 - **Doctoral, Computational and Data Science**
 - **Doctoral, Criminology, Law and Society**
 - **Doctoral, Sociology**
- **James Madison University**
 - **Master, Mathematics**
 - **Master, Art**
- **Longwood University**
 - **Bachelor, Economics**
 - **Bachelor, Modern Languages**
 - **Master, Sociology**
- **Norfolk State University**
 - **Bachelor, Building Construction Technology**
 - **Bachelor, Optical Engineering**
 - **Bachelor, Physics**
 - **Master, Severe Disabilities**
 - **Master, Pre-Elementary Education**
 - **Master, Music**
 - **Master, Materials Science**
 - **Doctoral, Social Work**
 - **Doctoral, Materials Science and Engineering**
- **Old Dominion University:**
 - **Bachelor, Asian Studies**
 - **Bachelor, Economics**
 - **Bachelor, Women's Studies**
 - **Bachelor, Chemistry**
 - **Master, Applied Sociology**
 - **Master, Chemistry**
- **Radford University**
 - **Bachelor, Philosophy and Religious Studies**
 - **Doctoral, Counseling**
- **University of Mary Washington**
 - **Bachelor, Physics**
- **University of Virginia**
 - **Bachelor, Architectural History**
 - **Bachelor, German**
 - **Bachelor, Italian**
 - **Bachelor, Astronomy**
 - **Master, Asian Studies**
 - **Master, Government**
 - **Master, Philosophy**
 - **Master, Linguistics**
 - **Master, Classics**
 - **Master, German**
 - **Master, Italian**
 - **Master, Music**
 - **Master, Slavic Languages and Literature**
 - **Doctoral, Classics**

- **University of Virginia at Wise**
 - **Bachelor, Management Information Systems**
 - **Bachelor, Mathematics**
 - **Bachelor, Computer Science**
 - **Bachelor, Software Engineering**
- **Virginia Commonwealth University**
 - **Bachelor, African American Studies**
 - **Bachelor, Financial Technology**
 - **Master, Economics**
 - **Master, Music**
 - **Master, Biostatistics**
 - **Doctoral, Epidemiology**
- **Virginia Military Institute**
 - **Bachelor, Applied Mathematics**
 - **Bachelor, Computer Science**
 - **Bachelor, Physics**
- **Virginia State University**
 - **Bachelor, Economics and Finance**
 - **Bachelor, Social Work**
 - **Master, Criminal Justice**
 - **Master, Interdisciplinary Studies**
 - **Master, Computer Science**
- **Virginia Tech**
 - **Master, Foreign Language and Culture**
 - **Master, Theater Arts**
 - **Doctoral, Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought**
 - **Doctoral, Geospatial and Environmental Analysis**
 - **Doctoral, Rhetoric and Writing**

B. Continue the following programs, subject to condition:

- **George Mason University**
 - **Bachelor, Computational and Data Science:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by GMU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
 - **Bachelor, Latin American Studies:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by GMU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
- **Longwood University**
 - **Master, Business Administration:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by LU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be

insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.

- **University of Virginia**
 - **Doctoral, German:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by UVA's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
 - **Doctoral, Slavic Languages and Literature:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by UVA's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
- **Virginia State University**
 - **Master, Mathematics:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by VSU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.

C. Close the following programs:

- **George Mason University**
 - **Bachelor, Business Administration**
 - **Bachelor, Electronic and Communication Engineering**
 - **Master, Dance**
 - **Master, Epidemiology and Biostatistics**
 - **Master, Senior Housing Administration**
 - **Master, Health Science**
 - **Doctoral, Physical Science**
 - **Doctoral, Information Technology**
- **Norfolk State University:**
 - **Bachelor, Business Education**
 - **Master, Applied Sociology**
 - **Master, Teaching**
 - **Master, Optical Engineering**
- **Old Dominion University:**
 - **Bachelor, Acting**
 - **Master, Physical Therapy**
- **Radford University:**
 - **Bachelor, Geography**
- **University of Mary Washington**
 - **Bachelor, American Studies**
- **University of Virginia:**
 - **Master, Digital Humanities**
- **Virginia Commonwealth University:**
 - **Bachelor, Recreation, Parks and Sports Management**
 - **Master, Taxation**

- **Master, Athletic Training**
- **Virginia State University:**
 - **Bachelor, Public Administration**
 - **Bachelor, Administrative Systems Management**
 - **Bachelor, Industrial and Technology Education**
 - **Bachelor, Engineering Technology**
 - **Bachelor, Physics**
 - **Master, History**
 - **Master, English**
 - **Master, Plant Science**
- **Virginia Tech:**
 - **Bachelor, Humanities, Science and Environment**
 - **Master, Hospitality and Tourism**
 - **Master, Dairy Science**
 - **Master, Horticulture**
 - **Doctoral, Hospitality and Tourism**

ACTION ON POLICY ON THE RECIPROCAL AUTHORIZATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) approves the *Commonwealth of Virginia Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education and Related Activities*. The Policy shall become effective immediately and the Director is authorized to implement its provisions as soon as feasible.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo provided a report on Academic Affairs activities:

- I. Improving Teacher Quality (NCLB) Grants. Under the leadership of Ms. Darlene Derricott, on June 9 the final selection committee recommended funding eight proposals for the 2014-2015 Improving Teacher Quality grant program funded by the US Department of Education (USED). A total of \$1,188,411.00 was awarded to seven Virginia institutions working collaboratively with public school districts. The awards range from \$71,566.00 to \$224,957.00. Funded programs will provide instructional leadership to principals and administrators and research-based strategies to K-12 teachers in STEM and Literacy disciplines. This year's recipients are the College of William and Mary, Hampton University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Old Dominion University, Radford University, and Sweet Briar College.
- II. GEAR UP. Earlier this month, under the leadership of Ms Paula Fisher, SCHEV submitted an application to USED for a seven-year GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant. If funded, "Gear Up Virginia" would receive approximately \$3M per year for the life of the grant and serve approximately 6,000 students in districts across the Commonwealth.

The program would also serve the “special population” of homeless youth in participating districts. We expect to receive results of the application in September.

- III. Meeting with Nursing Coalition. SCHEV staff met with leaders from the Virginia Action Coalition for Nursing to discuss possible steps to promote effective articulation between associate and bachelor degree nursing programs. In addition to SCHEV staff (Dr. DeFilippo, Dr. Osei, and Ms. Rosa-Casanova), Ms. Paula Saxby of the Virginia Board of Nursing was also in attendance. Future meetings are anticipated, to plan how to assess Virginia’s future workforce needs in nursing and to gain support of the relevant secretariats.
- IV. Corinthian Colleges Inc. Corinthian, a nationally distributed proprietary institution, has been subject to recent adverse action by USED, which has resulted in withholding of federal financial aid reimbursements due to the institution’s inability to report required data on placements of its graduates. USED has drafted an agreement with Corinthian, which would allow it to operate for a period of time sufficient to close or sell its campuses. Corinthian operates Everest College, which maintains four campuses in Virginia with a total of about 2000 students. Under the current plan, one of the four would close and the other three would be sold. Ms. Sylvia Rosa-Casanova has been participating in regular phone conferences with USED, the accreditors, and other states in which Corinthian operates, and will oversee compliance with Virginia regulation as these transitions proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bland suggested the inclusion of Dr. DeFilippo and Ms. Rosa-Casanova in the strategic planning process.

Mr. Lockhart commented on the need for additional collaboration between the community colleges and four year public institutions as noted in the strategic planning task force meeting and how the examples given by George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College in this meeting indicate a positively collaborative relationship.

Mr. Lockhart adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Gene Lockhart
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Ashley Myers
Coordinator, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE
JULY 21, 2014
MINUTES**

Mr. Bland called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Workforce Development and Conference Center, Section A, Parham Road campus of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Virginia. Task Force members present: Gilbert Bland, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, and Carlyle Ramsey.

Task Force members absent: Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, and Pamela Moran.

Other Council member present: Henry Light

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Beverly Covington, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Tod Massa, Ashley Myers, Kirsten Nelson, Lee Ann Rung, and Susan Wood. Mike Melis from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Wood provided summary of the activities since the March meeting of the Task Force, including site visits and regional meetings that the consultant has conducted to date. She indicated that 400 anonymous responses have been received through the online survey. Mr. John Lee, President of JBLA Associates, reviewed the draft Gap Analysis and Data Memos. He reported that by 2040 half of the population will be races/ethnicities other than white, non-Hispanic and that the Hispanic/Latino population will double in the next 15 years. Mr. Lee answered questions from members and reviewed the ethnic/racial enrollment breakdown for each sector. Members suggested that gender also be added to the data. Mr. Lee reviewed affordability and net price, as well as risks, challenges, and opportunities from his slide presentation.

Mr. Blake asked Dr. Wood to discuss next steps. She indicated that future steps will build on the discussions from this meeting. A special Council meeting has been scheduled for August 12. This follows an intense day of meetings with staff summarizing the consultant findings from all meetings with stakeholders to date. Dr. Wood indicated that the reports forthcoming include the Policy Scan, Goals and Strategies, and Organizational Audit Memos. Mr. Lee requested that the draft document discussed today not be distributed, as a final version is being prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Gilbert Bland
Acting Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
TJ21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 21, 2014
MINUTES**

Dr. Ramsey called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Workforce Development and Conference Center, Section C, Parham Road campus of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Martin Briley, William Murray, and Carlyle Ramsey. Mr. Nakamoto joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Council members absent: Steve Haner, and Marge Connelly.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Susan Wood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Briley and seconded by Dr. Murray, the minutes from the May 19, 2014, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON FULL COST REPORT

Mr. Hix provided background information, reminding members that the objective of this report was to ensure that nonresident students pay no less than the full cost of their education in tuition and mandatory educational and general fees. Mr. Hix reviewed the chart that showed the average nonresident tuition was 169% of the total cost of education. He answered questions from members and on a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Briley 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 approves the 2014-15 Full Cost Report.

UPDATE ON 2014-16 BUDGET ACTIONS

Mr. Hix said General Fund support at Virginia's public institutions of higher education in FY2015 will remain at close to FY2014 levels. The General Assembly appropriated an addition of \$3.1 million to increase in-state undergraduate students at the College of William and Mary (CWM), James Madison University (JMU), the University of Virginia (UVA), and Virginia Tech (VT). Mr. Hix informed the committee that the Governor will meet with the money committees on August 15 and revised revenue projections could result from that meeting. The Council will review preliminary budget recommendations in September and approve final recommendations in October. A correction to page TJ10 was noted. New College Institution should be changed to New College Institute.

DISCUSSION OF INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Ms. Mottley provided background information and reviewed the preliminary findings for the six performance measures. She reviewed the preliminary biennial assessment results of each measure, which indicated that two institutions did not meet their targets on one performance measure for the biennial period. Although other institutions missed targets for one year of the period, overall the institutions met their targets. She explained the reasons targets were not met and indicated that institutions have been diligent and committed to the process. Ms. Mottley indicated that staff proposed that consideration be given to passing all of the institutions on the six measures when formal certification takes place in September. This action will be recommended due to this being the first time that institutional performance was assessed with these new measures. Additionally, by the time some of the measures were proposed and adopted, nearly all actions that could be made to substantively change any outcome for the years under review, had already been made. Moreover, due to the action of the General Assembly, the financial benefits related to tuition revenue interest earnings were cut and will not be available this biennium. Ms. Mottley indicated that additional education-related performance measures information had been submitted by the Level II institutions. At the September meeting, staff will provide all information at the institutional level. She and Mr. Massa answered questions from members and informed the committee that while SCHEV can encourage institutions to grow, they can't require it. Mr. Briley requested more detail on the actual and projected relationship between in-state and out-of-state students. Staff agreed to provide the information, which is on the SCHEV website. A correction to page TJ24 was noted. The word "interesting" in the footnote should be changed to "interest."

DISCUSSION OF MID-CAREER WAGE DATA

Mr. Massa presented information on the data that was described in the report, which consists of records of individual degree awards from 1992-93 and wages and earnings from 1998-2012. He noted that this was in response to a request from college leaders across the Commonwealth to capture data on outcomes beyond five years after graduation. Virginia is one of a handful of states currently reporting this data. SCHEV now has up to 19 years post-graduate data at all degree levels, and captures about 80% of workers in Virginia. Mr. Massa reviewed the charts and data that will be available to the public by August 1.

REPORT ON SIX-YEAR PLAN PROCESS

Ms. Mottley directed the committee to the six-year plan information that was included in the agenda book. She reported that on July 1 templates for six-year plans were sent to institutions to affirm or update. The templates are due back to SCHEV by August 4. The Op Six group will meet on August 26 and a progress report will be provided to the committee in September.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Carlyle Ramsey
Acting Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 22, 2014
MINUTES**

Mr. Bland called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Workforce Development and Conference Center, Section A, Parham Road campus, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Johanna Chase, Marge Connelly, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, William Murray, Gary Nakamoto, and Carlyle Ramsey.

Council members absent: Martin Briley, Heywood Fralin, Steve Haner, and Pamela Moran.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Ashley Myers, Kirsten Nelson, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, and Lee Ann Rung. Mike Melis from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Chase and seconded by Dr. Murray, the minutes from the May 20, 2014, Council meeting were approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Bland introduced the three new Council members: Marge Connelly, Henry Light, and William (Bill) Murray and read their bios. Members welcomed them to the Council.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Mr. Lockhart said the he worked individually with committee members to avoid conflicts with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to identify Council leadership for the coming year. **The nominating committee, which was chaired by Mr. Lockhart and included Ms. Chase and Dr. Ramsey, proposed the following elected officers: Gil Minor, Council Chair and Heywood Fralin, Vice Chair. The nominating committee also recommended the appointment of Ms. Chase as Secretary.** There were no further nominations from the floor and Mr. Bland closed the election process and requested a vote. **The committee's resolution was**

approved unanimously. Ms. Chase did not participate in the committee's discussion of her appointment as Secretary. Mr. Fralin was not present at the meeting, but Mr. Lockhart indicated that he agreed to accept the position of Vice Chair if elected.

Mr. Bland expressed his gratitude to his fellow members for their support during his tenure as Chair over the last two years. He said it was an invaluable learning experience. He also thanked Mr. Blake and the SCHEV staff for their outstanding efforts. Mr. Bland expressed his thanks to Mr. Minor and said he has learned much from him as they traveled across the Commonwealth discussing the issues of importance to SCHEV. Mr. Bland expressed his utmost confidence in Mr. Minor's ability to lead the Council and said he is looking forward to working with him over the next year.

Mr. Minor said it has been a pleasure to watch the evolution of Council over the last five years, and he thanked Mr. Bland for his hard work. He said while the days ahead will be challenging, he felt the Council has a great team. Mr. Minor expressed the need for Council to be an advocate for the entire Commonwealth and help move the state to higher levels. He stressed the importance of the community colleges in these efforts. Mr. Minor said in the coming weeks, he would develop a list of 3-4 priorities for the Council and encouraged other members to do the same and provide their suggestions to Mr. Blake.

Mr. Blake expressed his thanks to Mr. Bland and Mr. Minor for their presence and leadership over the last year and presented Mr. Bland with a SCHEV jacket.

Mr. Bland passed the gavel to Mr. Minor who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT GARY RHODES

Mr. Minor introduced President Rhodes, and thanked him for hosting the Council meetings and dinner. President Rhodes is Reynolds' third president and has been at Reynolds for 12 years.

President Rhodes said the name of J. Sergeant Reynolds has not changed, but has been branded and shortened to Reynolds. One out of every four workers in the greater Richmond region attended Reynolds Community College, which is the third largest community college in Virginia. The facility opened in 1972 and has served 322,529 students since that time. President Rhodes reviewed the service regions that Reynolds serves and said workforce development is an integral part of Reynolds' mission. Reynolds has a guaranteed transfer agreement with 25+ public and private Virginia colleges and universities. The community college has three campuses – downtown (urban); Parham Road (suburban); and Goochland (rural). President Rhodes said land is reserved and there could be a fourth campus located in Varina in the future.

Dr. Rhodes said several local talented local residents have donated much of the artwork on display on the campus, including Dr. Baxter Perkinson, residents of

Westminster Canterbury retirement community, and the Goochland women's prison, as well as corporate donations by Media General. President Rhodes provided information about Reynolds' advanced college academies in which high school students begin taking classes at Reynolds in their junior year of high school and graduate with a two-year Associate's degree at the same time they graduate from high school. This provides a cost effective way for students to expedite their college experience and prepare them for the workforce and an improved life in the community.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Blake reviewed the report, which was included in the agenda materials. A few highlighted items from the report were:

Office of the Attorney General – Mr. Blake introduced Mike Melis as SCHEV's representative from the Office of the Attorney General.

2014-15 tuition and fees report – Mr. Blake shared preliminary data from the report, which will be released in August.

GEAR UP grant – He informed the Council that staff submitted Virginia's application for the next round of federal grants, which will begin this fall.

Boards of Visitors' orientation – Mr. Blake reminded members that the orientation will be held on October 21-22. He mentioned also that a separate session is being planned for October 21 for college and university rectors.

New staff – Mr. Blake announced three new full-time staff and introduced them to the Council: Wendy Kang, director of higher education innovation; Jean Mottley, senior associate for finance policy, and Anita Karthikeyan, database administrator (Ms. Karthikeyan was not in attendance).

Update on Executive Directive No. 6 – an update on the activities related to the Executive Directive was included with the agenda materials.

Research summit – Notes from the summit held on June 9, 2014, were included in the agenda materials. Mr. Bland congratulated SCHEV staff and former Council member, Joann DiGennaro, for their leadership in hosting this successful event.

Virginia Summit on Economic Competitiveness and Higher Education – Mr. Blake distributed information about this event, which is scheduled for September 17, 2014. Mr. Minor encouraged Council members to attend and indicated that Ms. Rung would handle registration for all Council members.

Legislative meetings – Mr. Blake and Ms. Nelson have begun scheduling meetings with legislators that will continue over the summer and into September.

September Council meetings – Mr. Blake reminded members that the September 15-16 meetings at James Madison University (JMU) will include the annual joint meeting with public presidents.

THE CHANGING FACE OF VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Blake introduced Presidents Robert Templin, president of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), and Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University.

President Templin spoke about the shift in demographics, saying that 2.3 million more people will be living in Virginia by 2040, and 85% of that growth will come from minorities and immigrants. Additionally, over one-half of the total population growth will come from the Latino population. To help increase access to this under-served population of students, a joint program was designed by George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College to increase low income minority and immigrant students who enroll and complete the baccalaureate degree.

The program called “Pathway to the Baccalaureate” has been ongoing for ten years. Students begin the program in high school. Counselors are currently placed in 55 high schools and help identify students with a GPA of 2.85 who are not likely to go to college but who have potential.

Once a student enters the program, he/she is guaranteed admission to Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University. The program has produced significant results (88% college going rate; 83% baccalaureate graduation rate within three years of transferring from NOVA). He attributed the success to the fact that the two universities behave as one system and utilize a highly structured, case management approach.

Dr. Cabrera gave credit to Dr. Templin for leading this innovative effort. He provided statistics on Mason’s enrollment and distributed a copy of the institution’s 2014-24 strategic plan. Dr. Cabrera said there is a very strong correlation between 21st century education and economic growth of the region. He stressed the mission of the Pathways program; i.e., producing an educated workforce and ensuring no one with talent is left out. Dr. Cabrera said this requires redefining what a great university should be, which should be about how many lives it changes for the better. The Pathways program is a great example as it places under-served students on a level playing field with their counterparts. Dr. Cabrera stressed the importance of inclusive excellence to assist under-served students. A diverse student population assists students to succeed in a global economy.

Council members congratulated the presidents for establishing a great model and expressed a desire to build on the collaborative approach they have developed with this program.

Mr. Minor called for a break at 10:40 a.m. The Council meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Action on meeting schedule for calendar year 2015

Mr. Minor said the committee suspended approval of the scheduled until the August special meeting. He encouraged members to alert staff of any issues with the proposed dates.

Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lockhart provided the following report with assistance from Dr. DeFilippo:

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

The committee took action on seven programs that were approved in block. Mr. Lockhart recognized and thanked institutional representatives who were present. Mr. Lockhart said the committee finds it extremely helpful to have institutional representatives attend the meetings. Mr. Minor recognized the committee's efforts to expedite the program approval process that will allow staff to approve certain programs and spend more time on programs that require additional follow-up with the institutions.

The committee's recommendations were seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolutions were approved unanimously by 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 Science (B.S.) degree program in Atmospheric Sciences (CIP: 40.0401), effective spring 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Bioengineering (CIP: 14.0501), effective spring 2015.

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 Science (B.S.) degree program in Microbiology (CIP: 26.0502), effective spring 2015.

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 Science (B.S.) degree program in Nanoscience (CIP: 40.9999), effective spring 2015.

Action on Final Approval of University of Mary Washington Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution was approved unanimously by the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to the University of Mary Washington to initiate a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N) degree program in Nursing (CIP: 51.3801), effective fall 2014.

Report on Proposed Engineering Programs at Christopher Newport University and George Mason University

The committee's recommendations were seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolutions were approved unanimously by 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 Science in Electrical Engineering (CIP: 14.1001), effective spring 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (CIP: 14.1901), effective spring 2015.

Action on Private and Out-of-state Postsecondary Education (POPE) Institutional Certifications

Dr. DeFilippo said because of time limitations at the committee meeting, the last three approval items were approved in block. He provided a brief overview and the committee's recommendations were seconded by Dr. Murray. The following resolutions were approved unanimously by the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Augusta Health School of Clinical Laboratory Science to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Heart to Heart Career Training Center to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Mid-Atlantic Coding to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Empire Beauty School to operate a postsecondary institution with branches in Midlothian, Richmond and Virginia Beach in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective July 22, 2014.

Action on Program Productivity Review

The committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Ramsey and approved unanimously by the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the following degree program actions, as listed by institution, degree level, and title:

A. Continue without condition:

- **Christopher Newport University**
 - Bachelor, Interdisciplinary Studies
- **College of William & Mary**
 - Bachelor, Chinese Language and Culture
 - Bachelor, German
 - Master, Applied Science
 - Master, Psychology
- **George Mason University**
 - Bachelor, Religious Studies
 - Bachelor, Astronomy
 - Bachelor, Global and Environment Change
 - Master, Anthropology
 - Master, Art History
 - Master, Bioinformatics Management
 - Doctoral, Computational and Data Science
 - Doctoral, Criminology, Law and Society
 - Doctoral, Sociology
- **James Madison University**
 - Master, Mathematics
 - Master, Art
- **Longwood University**
 - Bachelor, Economics
 - Bachelor, Modern Languages
 - Master, Sociology
- **Norfolk State University**
 - Bachelor, Building Construction Technology
 - Bachelor, Optical Engineering
 - Bachelor, Physics
 - Master, Severe Disabilities
 - Master, Pre-Elementary Education
 - Master, Music
 - Master, Materials Science
 - Doctoral, Social Work

- **Doctoral, Materials Science and Engineering**
- **Old Dominion University:**
 - **Bachelor, Asian Studies**
 - **Bachelor, Economics**
 - **Bachelor, Women's Studies**
 - **Bachelor, Chemistry**
 - **Master, Applied Sociology**
 - **Master, Chemistry**
- **Radford University**
 - **Bachelor, Philosophy and Religious Studies**
 - **Doctoral, Counseling**
- **University of Mary Washington**
 - **Bachelor, Physics**
- **University of Virginia**
 - **Bachelor, Architectural History**
 - **Bachelor, German**
 - **Bachelor, Italian**
 - **Bachelor, Astronomy**
 - **Master, Asian Studies**
 - **Master, Government**
 - **Master, Philosophy**
 - **Master, Linguistics**
 - **Master, Classics**
 - **Master, German**
 - **Master, Italian**
 - **Master, Music**
 - **Master, Slavic Languages and Literature**
 - **Doctoral, Classics**
- **University of Virginia at Wise**
 - **Bachelor, Management Information Systems**
 - **Bachelor, Mathematics**
 - **Bachelor, Computer Science**
 - **Bachelor, Software Engineering**
- **Virginia Commonwealth University**
 - **Bachelor, African American Studies**
 - **Bachelor, Financial Technology**
 - **Master, Economics**
 - **Master, Music**
 - **Master, Biostatistics**
 - **Doctoral, Epidemiology**
- **Virginia Military Institute**
 - **Bachelor, Applied Mathematics**
 - **Bachelor, Computer Science**
 - **Bachelor, Physics**
- **Virginia State University**
 - **Bachelor, Economics and Finance**
 - **Bachelor, Social Work**
 - **Master, Criminal Justice**

- **Master, Interdisciplinary Studies**
- **Master, Computer Science**
- **Virginia Tech**
 - **Master, Foreign Language and Culture**
 - **Master, Theater Arts**
 - **Doctoral, Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought**
 - **Doctoral, Geospatial and Environmental Analysis**
 - **Doctoral, Rhetoric and Writing**

B. Continue the following programs, subject to condition:

- **George Mason University**
 - **Bachelor, Computational and Data Science:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by GMU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
 - **Bachelor, Latin American Studies:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by GMU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
- **Longwood University**
 - **Master, Business Administration:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by LU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
- **University of Virginia**
 - **Doctoral, German:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by UVA's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
 - **Doctoral, Slavic Languages and Literature:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by UVA's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.
- **Virginia State University**
 - **Master, Mathematics:** Continue program, on condition that a plan for enhancing program performance be approved by VSU's Board of Visitors no later than June 1, 2015. If a plan is not submitted, or if it is determined by Council to be

insufficient to restore the program to viability, the program shall be closed.

C. Close the following programs:

- **George Mason University**
 - Bachelor, Business Administration
 - Bachelor, Electronic and Communication Engineering
 - *Master, Dance*
 - Master, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
 - Master, Senior Housing Administration
 - Master, Health Science
 - Doctoral, Physical Science
 - Doctoral, Information Technology
- **Norfolk State University:**
 - Bachelor, Business Education
 - Master, Applied Sociology
 - Master, Teaching
 - *Master, Optical Engineering*
- **Old Dominion University:**
 - Bachelor, Acting
 - Master, Physical Therapy
- **Radford University:**
 - Bachelor, Geography
- **University of Mary Washington**
 - Bachelor, American Studies
- **University of Virginia:**
 - Master, Digital Humanities
- **Virginia Commonwealth University:**
 - Bachelor, Recreation, Parks and Sports Management
 - Master, Taxation
 - Master, Athletic Training
- **Virginia State University:**
 - Bachelor, Public Administration
 - Bachelor, Administrative Systems Management
 - Bachelor, Industrial and Technology Education
 - Bachelor, Engineering Technology
 - Bachelor, Physics
 - *Master, History*
 - *Master, English*
 - Master, Plant Science
- **Virginia Tech:**
 - Bachelor, Humanities, Science and Environment
 - Master, Hospitality and Tourism
 - Master, Dairy Science
 - Master, Horticulture
 - Doctoral, Hospitality and Tourism

Action on Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education

Dr. Defilippo explained the background and necessity of this item. The committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution was approved unanimously by the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) approves the *Commonwealth of Virginia Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education and Related Activities*. The Policy shall become effective immediately and the Director is authorized to implement its provisions as soon as feasible.

TJ21 Implementation Committee

Action on 2014-15 Full Cost Report

Dr. Ramsey chaired the committee meeting in Mr. Haner's absence and provided a brief background of the report. The committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution as approved unanimously by the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2014-15 Full Cost Report.

Update on 2014-16 Budget

Dr. Ramsey reported that the budget is still a work in progress. While there is currently an approved budget, additional information will be forthcoming from the Governor and General Assembly that will be shared with the Council at the next meeting.

Discussion of Institutional Performance Standards

Dr. Ramsey asked Ms. Mottley to provide the staff overview and she answered questions from members. Mr. Lockhart stressed the need for Council to understand faculty and administrative costs going forward. Mr. Blake reminded members that the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission (JLARC) is wrapping up a two-year study which will partially address administrative efficiencies and costs, which could be useful.

Discussion of Mid-career Wage Data

Mr. Massa reviewed the data that was presented to the committee and reminded the Council that the final information will be available on the website in August.

Report on Six-year Planning Process

Ms. Mottley reviewed the six-year planning process and schedule. Additional updates will be shared with the Council at future meetings.

Strategic Planning Task Force

Update on Strategic Plan Development

Mr. Lee provided an update on the gap analysis and management memo that was reviewed by the task force at the July 21 meeting. He reported on the meetings that have taken place to date throughout the state; discussed next steps; and reminded members that the Council will hold a special meeting on August 12 to further discuss the strategic plan. Additionally, JBL Associates is conducting a review of SCHEV as an organization to see how the agency aligns itself to the state plans. Mr. Lee informed the Council that he expects to complete the process by the end of October, with a preliminary report to Council in September. Mr. Lockhart stressed the importance of the special August 12 meeting to allow the Council to review the consultant's findings. There was consensus that the final plan should contain less than ten priorities, with a concentration on three top issues that SCHEV can address.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Minor acknowledged three members who have served their terms on the Council and asked Mr. Blake to read each resolution. Ms. Haddad was in attendance and received her resolution. She said she enjoyed working on the Council and thanked the members and SCHEV staff for their hard work and support. Mr. Bland and Mr. Minor thanked Ms. Haddad for her outstanding service to the Council and relayed personal stories of her support to them. The following resolutions were seconded by Mr. Bland and approved unanimously by the full Council. Mr. Minor asked that staff mail the resolutions to Mr. Smith and Ms. DiGennaro since they were not in attendance:

Mary C. Haddad

WHEREAS, Mary C. Haddad served as an exemplary member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2008 to 2014, and as chair of the Council's Academic Affairs Committee from 2011 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haddad demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence in her work with the Outstanding Faculty Awards by serving on the selection committee; and

WHEREAS, she brought to the Council a unique perspective from her prior service as a board member of a public institution, and proficiently shared her experiences with newly appointed visitors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haddad consistently stressed the importance of SCHEV's role in supporting each institution's unique mission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haddad demonstrated her strong dedication to the students of the Commonwealth, particularly in highlighting the needs of underserved students; and

WHEREAS, her engaging personality and cooperative nature served the Council well and allowed her to work collegially with fellow Council members in addressing the important issues of the Council; and

WHEREAS, she will continue to work to ensure that Virginia is advanced through higher education and will serve as a valued and knowledgeable advisor to the Council as it continues its important work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Mary C. Haddad** for her distinguished service and commitment to advancing the well-being of higher education in Virginia, and extends to her best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Julious P. Smith

WHEREAS, Julious P. Smith, Jr., served as an exemplary member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2010 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, he ably served on several committees, including the Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, and as chair of the Strategic Planning subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith provided excellent guidance and volunteered countless hours in leading the Council's efforts in developing its statewide strategic plan for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's leadership and accomplishments in the legal profession and community service benefited the Council in its public policy deliberations and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he effectively worked to enhance an already robust and vigorous higher education system by recognizing and appreciating the distinctive missions of each public and private college and university in Virginia, while also striving to bring them together to address common systemwide challenges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith garnered the support and gratitude from fellow Council members who have had the privilege of serving with him; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to work to ensure that Virginia is advanced through higher education and will serve as a valued and knowledgeable advisor to the Council as it continues its important work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia sincerely appreciates and thanks **Julious P. Smith, Jr.** for his distinguished service and commitment to advancing the well-being of higher education in Virginia, and extends to him best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Joann P. DiGennaro

WHEREAS, Joann P. DiGennaro served with notable distinction as a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2010 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, she ably served on several committees, including the Academic Affairs Committee, the Strategic Planning subcommittee and as chair of the Research Forum subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DiGennaro's passion for enhancing Virginia's standing in academic research led to the creation of a highly successful research summit which resulted in several calls to action that will propel Virginia forward in its research efforts; and

WHEREAS, her steadfast support for assessment in student learning helped the Council remain focused on improving Virginia's system of higher education to benefit the citizens of the Commonwealth while addressing workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DiGennaro displayed diligence and fortitude while working with the Council's many constituencies, and remained steadfast to her convictions through many complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DiGennaro's extensive worldwide expertise in educational excellence enabled her to offer constructive observations and suggestions that improved the Council's decision making process; and

WHEREAS, she will continue to work to ensure that Virginia is advanced through higher education and will serve as a valued and knowledgeable advisor to the Council as it continues its important work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia extends its thanks and appreciation to **Joann P. DiGennaro** for her distinguished service and commitment to advancing the well-being of higher education in Virginia, and extends to her best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Minor said he would be making committee assignments and requested member input. He plans to communicate with all members when assignments are complete.

Mr. Minor invited Dr. Murray, Mr. Light, and Ms. Connelly to provide comments after attending their first meeting, and each provided input.

Mr. Minor requested that members consider ways to make Council meetings more productive. He also requested that members consider their top three priorities prior to receiving the consultant report at the August 12 meeting.

Mr. Minor said he was looking forward to working with the officers (Mr. Fralin and Ms. Chase) in their new leadership roles, and he acknowledged Mr. Blake for establishing important relationships with SCHEV's constituents.

Mr. Minor asked for clarification on the FOIA as it relates to Council's work. Mr. Blake reminded members to avoid using the "reply all" option when responding to emails. Members were asked to provide any feedback individually to Mr. Blake so that responses could be consolidated through staff. Mr. Melis also provided a brief overview of FOIA and staff agreed to send members a link to the FOIA video that is on the SCHEV website.

Mr. Minor reminded members of the special meeting to review the strategic plan on August 12 at the offices of Owens and Minor in Mechanicsville, Virginia. The next full Council meeting will be held September 15-16, 2014, at James Madison University. The September 15 agenda will include a joint meeting with public college presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

G. Gilmer Minor
Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board 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
Virginia Commonwealth University	Program credit hour change: Decrease the total credit hours from 130 to 120 for the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program in Clinical Radiation Sciences (51.0911)	Immediately

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 to staff:

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Norfolk State University	Discontinue the Associate of Science (AS) degree program in Nursing (51.3801).	Summer 2014
Old Dominion University	Initiate (Graduate) Certificate program in Modeling and Simulation for Business and Public Administration (52.9999)	Immediately

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes," the following item was not approved as delegated to staff:

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Norfolk State University	Change the title of the Master of Science degree program in Electronics Engineering (14.1001) to a Master of Science degree program in Electrical Engineering (14.1001)	Immediately

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
George Mason University	Rename the School of Management to the School of Business . The School has been re-named to reflect the departments and degree programs in the school and to align the school with common nomenclature used by external constituents.	July 15, 2014
George Mason University	<p>Reorganize and rename the School of Public Policy to the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs. The reorganization involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moving the Department of Public and International Affairs from the College of Humanities and Sciences to the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs; • creating the Division of Policy and Management, the Division of International Affairs, and the Division of Political Science. <p>Degree programs will be assigned to respective divisions based on disciplinary focus and mission. The reorganization is intended to create a flagship unit, clarify the image of the University among key constituencies in the field of policy, government, and international affairs, and enable more cooperation among faculty with common teaching and research interests.</p>	August 1, 2014
Norfolk State University	Create the Department of History and Interdisciplinary Studies from the Department of History and the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. The Department will administer and coordinate selected academic degree programs. The merger of the two departments provides an opportunity to enhance faculty collaboration, generate cost-savings, ensure operational efficiencies, and meet	July 1, 2014

	specified goals in the 2012-2018 Strategic Plan.	
Norfolk State University	Create the Department of Visual and Performing Arts from the Department of Fine Arts and the Department of Music. The merger of the two departments provides an opportunity to enhance faculty collaboration, generate cost-savings, ensure operational efficiencies, and meet specified goals in the 2012-2018 Strategic Plan.	July 1, 2014
Old Dominion University	Rename the College of Continuing Education to the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development . The College has been re-named to reflect the variety of programs and training that will be offered and to ensure the title aligns with the mission of the college.	July 1, 2014

Governor's STEM Academies

Two (2) Governor's STEM Academy proposals were reviewed and approved as delegated to staff:

Title of Academy	Governor's STEM Academy for Architecture and Applied Arts
Location	Kecoughtan High School, Hampton VA
Name of Lead Entity	Hampton City Public Schools
Date of Approval	May 14, 2014
Academy Initiation	2014-15

Title of Academy	Governor's STEM Academy for Health Sciences
Location	Bedford Science and Technology Center Bedford, VA
Name of Lead Entity	Bedford County Public Schools
Date of Approval	May 14, 2014
Academy Initiation	2014-15

Institutional Student Financial Aid Plans

Pursuant to §4-5.01 b. of the annual Act of the Appropriation, staff have reviewed each individual institution's plan for expenditure of its appropriation for undergraduate student financial assistance and assumptions and calculations for determining the cost of education and student financial need. The institutions' reports have been received and reviewed in accordance with the Appropriation Act.