

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JULY 20, 2015
MINUTES**

Dr. Carlyle Ramsey (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in SCHEV Offices, 9th Floor Main Conference Room, in Richmond. Committee members present: Martin Briley, Heywood Fralin, Carlyle Ramsey and Katie Webb.

Committee members absent: Gene Lockhart (Chair) and Bill Murray.

Staff members present: Beverley Covington, Joseph G. DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Alan Edwards, Monica Osei and Sylvia Rosa-Casanova.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Briley, minutes from the May 18, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

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

In attendance from Everest College:

Erica DeWitt (Manager, Accreditation & Licensing, Zenith Education Group)
Sheri Delozier (President, Woodbridge campus)

Dr. DeFilippo provided a brief overview of Zenith Education Group Inc.'s, February 2, 2015, acquisition of Everest College campus locations from Corinthian College and Virginia's regulatory requirements for a change of institutional ownership. He explained three of the four Virginia locations will be maintained and the fourth will close. Dr. DeFilippo distributed a modified version of the resolution certifying Everest College under its new ownership. The committee acknowledged Ms. DeWitt and Ms Delozier.

On motion by Mr. Briley and seconded by Ms. Webb, 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 Everest College to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia at locations in Newport News, Chesapeake and Woodbridge effective July 21, 2015.

PRESENTATION ON ACCREDITATION

Dr. Monica Osei introduced the topic and presenters—Dr. Linda Birtley, Director of Academic Program Review and Accreditation at VCU and Dr. Susan Bosworth, Associate Provost for Institutional Accreditation & Effectiveness at CWM. Drs. Birtley and Bosworth provided handouts and presented a PowerPoint on the accreditation requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the alignment of SCHEV's role and policies with SACSCOC. They identified SACSCOC and SCHEV's similarities and differences in mission, compliance, and guiding principles related to program approvals and organizational changes. Drs. Birtley and Bosworth responded to several questions on the quality of education, workplace competency skills, employer consultation and demand, student learning assessments, and SACSCOC's process for updating its standards. Members of the committee thanked the presenters for their time and attendance.

ONLINE PROGRAMMING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS/BASELINE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 2320

Dr. Joseph DeFilippo
Dr. Alan Edwards

Dr. DeFilippo provided a brief overview of on-line programming requirements in the program approval policy and the *Commonwealth of Virginia Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education*. He explained the membership criteria for institutions participating in the National Council for State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) and that each institution must accept and adhere to the *Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education*.

Dr. Edwards informed the committee about HB2320 from the 2015 General Assembly, which calls for an assessment of the feasibility of offering of a cooperative undergraduate degree program for \$16,000. He briefed members on the legislation's requirements and options for fulfilling it, including a plan due by October 1, 2016. He explained data on the most common on-line degree programs and types offered at Virginia two- and four-year institutions and aspects of other states' offerings, including Western Governors University (WGU)'s competency-based programs.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo reported on the following Academic Affairs activities and issues:

I. Events

- June 9, 2015: SCHEV hosted a one-day summit on quality in Virginia's system of higher education: "Our Common Wealth: an Educated Citizenry for the 21st Century." The summit was attended by well over 200 participants from every sector of higher education, public and private, two-year and four-year institutions, board members, businesspeople, and leaders from government

agencies and advocacy groups. Presentations were given, among others, by Barry DuVal of the Virginia Chamber, Debra Humphreys of AAC&U, Presidents Sullivan and Sands, and Delegate Kirk Cox, who led a panel of alumni commenting on their experiences in making the transition to members of the commonwealth's educated workforce. Presentations have been collected and made available on the SCHEV website (<http://schev.edu/QualitySummit.asp>).

- SCHEV staff worked with The College Board to hold a forum on **June 25** on the redesigned SAT. The purpose of the forum was to share information about substantial upcoming test changes and the layout implications for institutions to receive and assess the scores. More than 70 attendees, from institutions, K-12 and community-based non-profits received information about the changes and their potential effects on students and institutions of higher education.

II. GEAR UP Virginia (GUV)

- GUV is now operating in 28 middle schools in 15 school divisions. Site coordinators have been identified in each district and are implementing direct services to students, parents, and school systems.
- The first Annual Performance Report was submitted on time in April and approved. USED has provided notice of continued funding and **\$3,410,356** has been made available for 2015-2016.
- Three regional managers have been hired. They are **Rebecca Chicon Lystash** for North Central, **Reshaud Rich** for Southeast and **Linda Staylor** for the West. Rebecca and Reshaud are UVA College Advising Corps alums and Linda is a veteran returning GUV regional manager. All GUV staff are attending the annual Gear Up conference this week in San Francisco, as required by USED.
- GUV is hosting 3 regional GEAR UP student leadership camps for rising 8th graders. The camps will occur for several days each between July 25 and August 6 at **ODU, Virginia Tech, Virginia State**; each camp will be attended by 100-150 students. Collaboration from the institutions has been exemplary in every way, from coordinating logistics for the events to offering in-kind contributions as available (reduced/no cost meals, classrooms, equipment, dorm rooms, on-site support staff, tours, materials, etc.).

III. Improving Teacher Quality (NCLB) Grant Decisions

Applications for the 2015-16 NCLB grants to institutions administered by SCHEV were due May 15. Twenty-one (21) proposals were received, and on June 15 the selection committee convened and recommended seven (7) for funding. Funded projects will receive \$1,000,000 total (ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000) to provide Professional Development (PD) programs to teachers and principals in high-need schools. These programs will improve content knowledge and pedagogical skills for teachers and provide instructional leadership skills to principals. Institutions whose applications were selected for funding: **College of William and Mary, Hampton University, Longwood University, Radford University, Randolph College, University of Virginia, and Virginia State University.**

IV. HB 1336, “relating to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; policy on course credit at public institutions of higher education for certain examinations.”

Staff conducted an initial discussion with the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC) at its June 19 meeting. Institutional representatives expressed concern with the potential effect on student success that could follow from a more uniform state policy that does not take into account institutional differences in programming, mission, and student admissions profiles. SCHEV staff is still in process of researching these effects. Visits have been made to Virginia Commonwealth University and Christopher Newport University; at least two more visits will be conducted before the end of the summer. See attached table of institutional AP policies.

V. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)

At a June meeting convened by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Ms. Darlene Derricott represented SCHEV on the steering committee that approved three additional southern states to join SARA. SREB now has six (6) SARA member states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Nationally, twenty-seven (27) states have now joined SARA. Virginia has 21 participating institutions with three more in the pipeline for approval.

VI. Federal Regulatory Issues

- **Virginia Compliant with the Choice Act**

On July 7, The US Department of Veterans Affairs provided notice that Virginia is compliant with the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. The Choice Act requires that in-state tuition rates at public institutions be charged to certain veterans and eligible dependent family members, regardless of formal state of residence. Virginia had by law already granted in-state tuition to veterans, as well as to active-duty military personnel and their dependents. The Choice Act extends the benefit to veterans' dependents who meet certain criteria and are sharing their GI Bill benefits. The eligibility change took effect July 1. Complying with the new rules was required for schools to maintain access to Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty and Post-9/11 GI Bill programs. Virginia's 15 public four-year institutions, 23 community colleges, Richard Bland College and Eastern Virginia Medical School all complied with the law by the end of June.

- **Gainful Employment**

In June the US District court for the District of Columbia dismissed a lawsuit filed by the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU) against USED's new "Gainful Employment" regulation (GE). Thus, GE took effect on July 1, entailing new burdensome reporting requirements for affected institutions due this July 31. GE affects primarily for-profit institutions and those public and nonprofit institutions offering *nondegree* programs, i.e., certificates, diplomas and other workforce credentials. The community colleges will be the most significantly affected public institutions. GE looks at two measures (debt-to-earnings and debt-to-discretionary-income ratios) at the program level; programs that fail GE thresholds will lose Title IV eligibility.

According to USED's analysis, 1400 current programs nationally would fail the GE criterion, 99% of them at for-profit institutions. Even apart from political challenges—which may prove intense—the ultimate effects of GE will take some years to develop fully; the regulation includes a number of exempting provisions as well as a transition period of five to seven years depending on the length of a program.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Carlyle Ramsey
Vice-Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Darlene Derricott
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
JULY 20, 2015
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in SCHEV 10th floor conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Gary Nakamoto, Henry Light, and Minnis Ridenour. Council chair, G. Gilmer Minor, III, was also in attendance.

Committee members absent: Gil Bland and Pamela Moran.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Ridenour and seconded by Mr. Minor, the minutes from the May 18, 2015, TJ21 Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON 2015-16 FULL COST REPORT

Mr. Blake introduced Dr. Zheng and she provided background information about the report and explained the methodology used to arrive at the average of 156% of full cost. She reported that all institutions have met the requirement that out-of-state students pay at least 100% of the average cost of attendance. Mr. Blake said the full cost has steadily increased in recent years. Although there are real benefits from a financial point of view, some institutions are paying a much higher percentage than the 100% required by the provision. This could create an interesting policy dilemma in the next few years. On a motion by Mr. Nakamoto 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 approves the 2015-16 Full Cost Report.

ACTION TO AMEND SENIOR CITIZENS TUITION WAIVERS REGULATIONS

Mr. Andes explained that because a bill passed in the last session raised the maximum income level for this program, the regulations with Code of Virginia require reform. This is a strictly housekeeping issue. Mr. Light suggested that there be a built in cost of living adjustment. On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Mr. Nakamoto, 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 recommends that the regulations for the Senior Citizens Tuition Waiver – 8VAC40 – 20 – be conformed to the Code of Virginia, § 23-38.56, to reflect the new maximum state taxable income of \$23,850 for senior citizens seeking a waiver of tuition and fees while enrolled into a program for academic credit.

ACTION ON GUIDELINES FOR NEW INDUSTRY-BASED CREDENTIALS GRANT

Mr. Andes reminded members that last fall Council recommended funding for workforce development, which was approved by the General Assembly last session. He reviewed some of the guidance document on page RP14. Mr. Andes answered questions from members. On a motion read by Mr. Light 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 approves the guidelines for usage of state need-based financial aid for industry-based certification and related programs that do not qualify for other sources of student financial assistance. Council delegates to staff the review of the list of eligible programs requested by the institutions and to approve as appropriate and Council further delegates to staff to make future non-substantive administrative changes to the program as needed.

ACTION TO REPEAL OUTDATED FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Mr. Andes said this item cleans up the Code language for programs that are no longer authorized by the Code. On a motion ready by Mr. Ridenour 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 recommends that the following regulations be repealed as the programs are no longer authorized by the Code of Virginia.

- 8VAC40-40 - College Scholarship Assistance Program,
- 8VAC40-50 - Virginia Work-Study Program, and
- 8VAC40-90 - Virginia Graduate and Undergraduate Assistance Program

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ENROLLMENT PROJECTION AND DEGREE ESTIMATES

Mr. Massa said this is a very preliminary report as institutions continue to submit their enrollment projections. He reviewed the fall headcount and enrollment for all institutions and noted that staff encourages both public and private institutions to be conservative in its projections. Mr. Massa discussed checkpoints that are in place to ensure that the projections remain on track. He briefly discussed the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and indicated that they anticipate a slight decline

in fall headcount. Mr. Massa also reviewed degree estimates for undergraduates and graduates. He indicated that while the numbers do not appear to be meeting the goal at this point, Mr. Massa said he will have firmer grasp on where we stand in September. The charts from his presentation will be posted on the SCHEV website. Council will have the option to request that institutions modify their numbers depending on what policy matters they wish to address.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Blake said in anticipation of budget recommendations for review in September and October, he asked everyone to be thinking along those lines as we move forward. He reminded Council members of the items it has supported in the past. He also said members will have the opportunity to talk specifically about initiatives related to the strategic plan which could have a budget or legislative impact at the special meeting on August 31.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 21, 2015
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Martin Briley, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, G. Gilmer Minor, III, Pamela Moran, William Murray, Gary Nakamoto, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, and Katie Webb.

Council member absent: Gene Lockhart.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, and Lee Ann Rung. Mike Melis from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Minor introduced the following institutional representatives:

Erica DeWitt (Accreditation & Licensing Manager, Zenith Education Group)
Sheri Delozier (President of the Woodbridge campus, Everest College)
Jake Kassuba (President of the Chesapeake campus, Everest College)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Minor reported that no requests for public comment were received in advance of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Nakamoto, the minutes from the May 18, 2015, Executive Committee meeting, the May 19, 2015, Council meeting, and the June 3, 2015, Ad Hoc Committee meeting, were approved unanimously (12-0).

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Minor welcomed SCHEV's newest members – Minnis Ridenour, and Katie Webb. Mr. Minor said he looked forward to working with them in making positive contributions to the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTIONS

Dr. Ramsey congratulated the Council's leadership for the progress on the strategic plan and other developments in higher education over the last year and made a motion that the current leadership remain in place for the coming year. Dr. Murray made a motion that nominations be closed, and Mr. Light seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Dr. Murray seconded the following resolution, which was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia elect the following slate of officers for 2015-16:

G. Gilmer Minor, III, Chairman
Heywood Fralin, Vice Chairman

The position of secretary is an appointed position **and Mr. Minor appointed Ms. Connelly as secretary.**

Mr. Minor said he has been overwhelmed by Council members' contributions over the last year with the Virginia Plan and other endeavors. While he expressed pride in the Council's work, he indicated that there is always for improvement. Mr. Minor recognized SCHEV staff and thanked them for their teamwork.

Mr. Fralin expressed his appreciation to the Council and staff and said the Council is headed in the right direction. Ms. Connelly echoed the comments and said she is pleased to serve the Council in her new role.

REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR DUBOIS

Mr. Minor introduced Dr. DuBois, saying that the community college system in Virginia is one of the best in the country due to Dr. DuBois' leadership. He said that the Council wants to work hand in hand with VCCS.

Dr. Dubois provided an update on aligning education with Virginia's credential needs. He explained that VCCS instituted a six-year strategic plan in 2003 (Dateline 09) with nine measureable goals to address the needs of the Commonwealth. This year VCCS released the third strategic plan (Complete 2021) during his tenure; it has only one goal – triple the number of credentials awarded annually. In order to accomplish the goal, Virginia will need to address the problem that Dr. DuBois described as the 1:2:7 problem, i.e., for every new position that requires a graduate degree, two additional positions are needed at the bachelor degree level and seven additional positions at the associate degree and/or industry-recognized certification level. He stressed that employers are having difficulty recruiting individuals with an industry-recognized certification. Dr. DuBois reviewed the efforts underway to address the problem, including developing a legislative mandate. VCCS has held 22 town hall meetings with 1,500 business leaders. The agency will propose an innovative outcomes-based formula (new financial model) to address the issue. The system will propose that for every post-secondary credential that is produced by a

community college, a one-time resource will be requested by the VCCS, based on the production of the credential and tied to the projected income of that credential. Dr. DuBois agreed to share the proposal with Council.

VCCS is also building a culture of completion with existing students. Currently, the focus is on completing a credential. The agency has reallocated \$40M internally for performance funding to accomplish objectives beyond enrollment. The plan will be implemented in waves and take approximately three years to see results. VCCS is also instituting a readiness partnership to offer free college-readiness testing for K12 students in conjunction with the Board of Education. Dr. DuBois stressed the importance of pathway coaches in the high schools and said the VCCS Foundation is working to place more coaches in certain underserved areas of the Commonwealth. They are also planning to offer a \$1,000 incentive for students to get a GED that is tied to a post-secondary credential within the community college system.

Dr. DuBois answered questions from members. Mr. Briley reminded the Council that even though some employers offer training to their employees businesses expect students who are hired to arrive “factory-ready”, i.e., with a certification or degree that does not require significant additional on-the-job training.

Mr. Fralin congratulated Dr. DuBois for not taking a “business as usual” approach.

Mr. Minor asked how SCHEV can help bring essential resources to accomplish VCCS’ goals. Dr. DuBois asked that the Council review and endorse the funding formula that will be forthcoming from VCCS.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Blake reviewed the items from the report that were included in the agenda book. Art Wells, new compliance officer for POPE, was introduced.

Mr. Blake spoke about his recent three-week experience attending an executive management program at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. He said it was an extraordinary experience for which he was grateful. The program included 40 other executives from all over the world. He described the demanding coursework and said the experience taught him to think in new and different ways about return on investment. The common denominator across all participants was advanced education and how to move their business forward. Mr. Blake indicated that SCHEV is in a unique position to distinguish how it is different from other agencies and how it can add value.

ACTION ON STRATEGIC PLAN MEASURES, TARGETS, AND INDICATORS

Mr. Blake distributed revised pages 16, 20, and 21. He explained the changes and reminded members that Ms. Connelly and Dr. Murray were assigned to work with staff after the May meeting in order to keep the process moving. Dr. Murray

reminded members that the items being advanced for approval could still be modified or refined over time. On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Nakamoto, the following resolution was approved unanimously (12-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed measures and targets for assessing progress on The Virginia Plan for Higher Education, the statewide strategic plan for higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia endorses the proposed related indicators that inform the measures and targets and directs staff to adjust these indicators as needed for effective monitoring of plan implementation, progress and goal achievement.

Dr. Ramsey indicated that it would be helpful to look at research data from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) states. Mr. Light said he hoped to have additional discussion at a later time, particularly on items 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 3.4 and 4.2.

Mr. Fralin suggested that the Council meet with college presidents to get their additional input once the plan moves forward. Dr. Ramsey said colleges can use the statewide plan with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for reaccreditation.

The chairman called for a break at 10: 50 p.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee

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

Dr. Ramsey provided the report in Mr. Lockhart's absence. The Committee's amended resolution was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following revised resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Everest College to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia at locations in Newport News, Chesapeake and Woodbridge, effective July 21, 2015.

Presentation on Accreditation

Dr. Ramsey reported that Dr. Osei and college representatives, Dr. Linda Birtley (VCU) and Dr. Susan Bosworth (CWM), provided information to the committee on the accreditation process.

Online Programming at Public Institutions/Baseline Report o House Bill 2320

Dr. Ramsey provided background information on online programming and directed members to the baseline report on HB2320 regarding a plan for an affordable online degree. He reminded members that SCHEV is charged with making sure the plan is developed by October 1, 2016. Dr. Ramsey suggested that the Council review best practices of online programs at a future meeting.

Members requested a copy of the advanced placement policies chart that was distributed to the Academic Affairs Committee members, and Dr. DeFilippo provided copies. All handouts and presentations will also be provided on the SCHEV website.

Resource and Planning Committee

Ms. Connelly reported on the following action items from the newly named Committee.

Action on 2015-16 Full Cost Report

Ms. Connelly reminded the Council that the objective as stated in the Appropriation Act requires that nonresident tuition and mandatory Education and General (E&G) fee rates cover at least 100 percent of the average cost of their education. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Minor and the following resolution was approved unanimously (12-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2015-16 Full Cost Report.

Action to Amend Senior Citizens Tuition Waivers Regulations

Ms. Connelly reported that effective July 1, 2015, the income restriction for academic credit was increased to \$23,850, which requires a change to the Regulations. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Nakamoto and the following resolution was approved unanimously (12-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that the regulations for the Senior Citizens Tuition Waiver – 8VAC40 – 20 – be conformed to the Code of Virginia, § 23-38.56, to reflect the new maximum state taxable income of \$23,850 for senior citizens seeking a waiver of tuition and fees while enrolled into a program for academic credit.

Action on Guidelines for New Industry-Based Credentials Grant

Mr. Blake reminded members that this grant resulted from a SCHEV recommendation last session. Currently, only two other states offer similar programs. The Governor and General Assembly will target six institutions, measure their success and assess whether increased support could be made. All institutions are now permitted to reallocate funds for certification programs. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Moran and the following resolution was approved unanimously (12-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the guidelines for usage of state need-based financial aid for industry-based certification and related programs that do not qualify for other sources of student financial assistance. Council delegates to staff the review of the list of eligible programs requested by the institutions and to approve as appropriate and Council further delegates to staff to make future non-substantive administrative changes to the program as needed.

Action to Repeal Outdated Financial Aid Program Regulations

Ms. Connelly indicated that because the programs no longer exist, it is necessary to repeal the regulations. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Ramsey and the following resolution was approved unanimously (12-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that the following regulations be repealed as the programs are no longer authorized by the Code of Virginia.

- **8VAC40-40 - College Scholarship Assistance Program,**
- **8VAC40-50 - Virginia Work-Study Program, and**
- **8VAC40-90 - Virginia Graduate and Undergraduate Assistance Program**

Preliminary Report on Enrollment Projection and Degree Estimates

Ms. Connelly reported that the Committee received a report on preliminary enrollment projections to help determine whether the institutions are on track to meet the goals. A final report will be advanced for approval at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Blake informed the members that a special meeting has been scheduled for August 31 at the offices of Owens & Minor. Ms. Kang provided information on communication of the plan and requested Council's input on how to proceed. She reminded members that Dr. Murray has assisted staff to develop the communication plan. In an effort to make the August 31 meeting more productive, staff will provide materials as the agenda unfolds and request feedback from members prior to the meeting. A facilitator may be secured for this meeting.

Ms. Webb suggested that SCHEV consider consulting other organizations in addition to the Virginia Business Higher Education Council. Mr. Briley will share the communications plan from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. Ms. Moran stressed that during the marketing phase, SCHEV should seek to create a dialogue with the business community while keeping the focus on students. Mr. Minor asked Mr. Fralin and Dr. Murray to take the initiatives and put together a plan for the August 31 meeting, requesting assistance from Mr. Blake and staff as needed.

ACTION ON 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

Mr. Blake explained staff actions since the last meeting and indicated that staff will continue to work with the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia to determine a location for the May meeting. On a motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Ms. Connelly, the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0). Mr. Nakamoto was not present for the vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the following meeting schedule for calendar year 2016 and requests that staff distribute the information to all Council members:

**Committee meetings on Monday Afternoon - meetings on Tuesday
(except where noted)**

- **January 12 – SCHEV Offices (Richmond) – *all meetings the same day***
- **March 21-22 – travel to public institution (College of William & Mary / VIMS)**
- **May 16-17 – travel to private institution TBD – May 16 would include a meeting with private college presidents**
- **July 19 – Blue Ridge Community College – *all meetings the same day***
- **September 19-20 – Virginia Commonwealth University – September 19 would include a meeting with public college and university presidents**
- **October 24-25 – SCHEV Offices (Richmond)**

Additionally, a visit to the University of Virginia's College at Wise is planned for April 20, 2016.

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.

Mr. Blake reminded members that the next meeting will be held on September 21-22 at Virginia State University. The September 21 meeting will include a meeting with the public college presidents.

NEW BUSINESS

Action on Resolutions for Departing Council Members

Mr. Minor requested that Mr. Light read the resolutions for the departing members. Ms. Chase and Mr. Haner were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Light moved the following resolutions which were seconded by Ms. Moran and approved unanimously by the Council (11-0). Mr. Minor complimented Ms. Chase and Mr.

Haner for their good work on the Council and requested that staff mail the resolutions to each of them:

Johanna B. Chase

WHEREAS, Johanna B. Chase served as an exemplary member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2011 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, she ably served on several of the Council's committees, including the Academic Affairs and Executive Committees and also served as Secretary of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chase demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence in her ongoing work with the Outstanding Faculty Awards by serving as chair of the subcommittee and a presenter at the annual ceremony and luncheon; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chase approached her work on the Council with enthusiasm and always conducted herself and the Council's business with dignity, understated resolve, and an steadfast desire to ensure that Virginia's colleges and universities maintain the highest standards of excellence in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chase effectively demonstrated her strong sense of leadership to the Council's stewardship of Virginia's higher education system for the benefit of students, their families, and all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, her cooperative nature served the Council well in making public policy and budget recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she will continue to work for the best interests of Virginia higher education and will remain a trusted friend and valued advisor as the Council continues its important work of advancing Virginia through higher education; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Johanna B. Chase** 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.

Stephen D. Haner

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephen D. Haner was appointed to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia beginning on July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, he ably served as Chairman of the Top Jobs for the 21st Century (TJ21) Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee and various Council task forces; and

WHEREAS, he played a vital role in planning the Council's Research Summit, which brought together leaders committed to supporting academic research and

showcasing exemplary public-private partnerships between universities and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haner's knowledge of the legislative and budget process has won the respect and admiration of numerous stakeholders vital to the well-being of higher education and beneficial to the Council's ability to carry out its mission; and

WHEREAS, he consistently upheld the belief that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia should be the source of unbiased information in projecting the needs of higher education in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haner's effective leadership has guided the Council's continuing support for accessibility and accountability within the Commonwealth's esteemed higher education system; 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; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia extends its deepest gratitude to **Stephen D. Haner** for his dedication and devotion to higher education in the Commonwealth.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Secretary

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
Radford University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Master of Science degree program in Data and Information Management (11.0802)	Fall 2015
Thomas Nelson Community College	New Program Approved: Associate of Applied Science degree program in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing Technology (15.0613)	Spring 2016

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	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Education Leadership (13.0401)	Fall 2015
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in International Development (45.0604)	Fall 2015
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Public Sector Leadership (52.0213)	Summer 2015
Radford University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Design Thinking (50.0499)	Fall 2015
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Discontinue the Master of Science degree program in Dairy Science (01.0905). [Program Initiated: 1959, Before CHE approval process]	Fall 2017
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Discontinue the Master of Science degree program in Horticulture (01.1103). [Program Initiated: 1959, Before CHE approval process]	Spring 2017
Virginia State University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Food and Nutrition Science (51.3101)	Fall 2015

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
Longwood University	Rename the Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance and Real Estate to the Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance and Information Systems.	August 1, 2015
Longwood University	Rename the Department of Cyber Security, Information Systems, Management, and Marketing to the Department of Management and Marketing.	August 1, 2015
Longwood University	Rename the Department of Theatre, Art and Graphic Design to the Department of Theatre, Art, and Graphic and Animation Design.	August 1, 2015
Virginia State University	Rename the Department of Engineering to the Department of Engineering and Computer Science.	August 7, 2015
Virginia State University	Rename the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science to the Department of Mathematics and Economics.	August 7, 2015
Virginia State University	Rename the Department of Political Science, Public Administration, and Economics to the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.	August 7, 2015
Virginia State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create the Department of Social Work. The Department will reside in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The creation of the Department will reflect the focus and autonomy of the unit and meet the accreditation requirements of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). • Rename the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice to the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice to reflect the academic focus of the unit. 	August 7, 2015

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9.14:3 and Council’s “*Commonwealth of Virginia Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education and Related Activities*”, the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Virginia Institutions Approved to Participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)

Institution	Effective Date
Bluefield College	June 25, 2015
Radford University	May 14, 2015
Virginia Commonwealth University	June 25, 2015

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9.14:3 and section 8VAC-40-31-90(B) of the Virginia Administrative Code, the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Postsecondary, Non-Degree Institutions Certified to Operate in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Institution	Location	Effective Date
Graham Webb International Academy of Hair	Arlington, VA	June 23, 2015
Park West Barber School	Alexandria, VA	June 23, 2015
Regency Beauty Institute - Manassas	Manassas, VA	June 22, 2015
Regency Beauty Institute – Newport News	Newport News, VA	June 22, 2015
Regency Beauty Institute - Roanoke	Roanoke, VA	June 22, 2015
Rudy and Kelly Academy a Paul Mitchell Partner School	Virginia Beach, VA	June 23, 2015
Springfield Beauty Academy	Annandale, VA	June 23, 2015
Suffolk Beauty Academy	Suffolk, VA	June 23, 2015

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.