

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MAY 18, 2015  
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in Crawley Forum, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. Committee members present: Gilbert Bland, Johanna Chase, Heywood Fralin, Steve Haner, Gene Lockhart, and G. Gilmer Minor, III.

Other Council members present: Marge Connelly, Henry Light, Carlyle Ramsey

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, and Lee Ann Rung. Mike Melis from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS**

Mr. Blake opened the discussion and explained staff's recommendations. Members reviewed the list of institutions visited in the last ten years and Mr. Blake informed the members that the University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVA-W) and the College of William and Mary (CWM) both offered to host meetings in 2016. Mr. Minor also suggested that Virginia Military Institute (VMI) be considered. Members agreed to the one-day meeting format for the meetings in January and July since both meetings will be held in Richmond.

Mr. Fralin suggested that the Council consider holding a meeting at a community college in 2016 as workforce development becomes a more prominent issue. With that in mind, the Committee requested that staff contact one of the community college campuses in the central Virginia region about the possibility of holding the one-day meeting in July at one of these locations. John Tyler, Piedmont, and Tidewater were mentioned as possibilities.

Staff will contact UVA-W, VMI, and CWM about the possibility of hosting a meeting in March and September and that one of the Central Virginia community colleges be contacted about hosting the one-day meeting in July. Staff will bring recommendations to the Committee for approval at the July meeting.

**PROCESS OF ELECTING OFFICERS**

Mr. Minor informed the Committee that Drs. Murray and Ramsey would solicit information from other members and provide a slate of officers at the July meeting. Even though the position of Secretary is an appointed position, Mr. Minor requested that a recommendation for this position be included with the slate of officers.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 12:55, Mr. Minor read the attached motion which stated that in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), the Executive Committee would convene in closed session for the purpose of addressing personnel issues related to the Director. The motion stated that Mike Melis should be present in the closed meeting and that Peter Blake would be present in a portion of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fralin and approved unanimously (9-0).

The Committee resumed in open session at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Minor read the Freedom of Information Act Certification which was approved unanimously and signed by all members. A copy of the certification is attached to these minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in accordance with §4-6.01 of Chapter 665, 2015 Virginia Acts of Assembly, and in recognition of Peter Blake's extraordinary performance and dedication to duty, approves a five percent bonus for the director.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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G. Gilmer Minor, III  
Chair

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Lee Ann Rung  
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**State Council of Higher Education for Virginia**  
**Closed Meeting Procedures**

**Personnel Matters**

**Motion for Closed Meeting:**

I move that, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1), the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia convene in a closed meeting for the purposes of addressing the personnel issues:

RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DIRECTOR

AND

that Mike Melis, legal counsel to SCHEV, as well as staff members:

Peter Blake (Temporary)

whose presence will aid in the Council's consideration of this matter, participate in the closed meeting.

Movant: Hamer

Second: Fralin

Date: May 18, 2015

**Certification of Closed Meeting**

We convened today in a Closed Meeting pursuant to a recorded vote on the motion above and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires that SCHEV certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Any member who believes there was a departure from these requirements shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place. The statement of the departure will be recorded in the minutes.

Vote of certification:

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

**\*\*\*Written certification attached.**

**Freedom of Information Act Certification (Personnel Exception)**

We, the members of the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia, do hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements pursuant to the exception in Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

Date: May 18, 2015

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**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MAY 18, 2015  
MINUTES**

Gene Lockhart (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in Everett Stadium Lounge on the campus of Hampden-Sydney College (H-SC) in Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. Committee members present: Johanna Chase, Heywood Fralin, Gene Lockhart and Carlyle Ramsey.

Committee members absent: Pamela Moran and William Murray.

Staff members present: Beverley Covington, Joseph G. DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Alan Edwards, Paula Fisher, Erin McGrath and Sylvia Rosa-Casanova.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Dr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Fralin, minutes from the March 16, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

**ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

Virginia Commonwealth University  
Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) in Nursing Practice

Dr. DeFilippo provided a summary of the proposed program and explained Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) as a leader in nursing education. Members engaged in a brief discussion on student enrollment, program duplication, market and student demand. Dr. Ann B. Hamric, Associate Dean of Academic Programs in the VCU School of Nursing, informed members that VCU's proposed DNP program differs from existing programs because it focuses on safety and health and that nursing education is pushing this profession to keep up with nursing trends. She responded to questions about enrollment, tuition costs in comparable programs, and the number of Virginia DNP programs offered on-line.

On motion by Ms. Chase and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, 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 Commonwealth University to initiate a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree program in Nursing Practice (CIP: 51.3818), effective fall 2015.**

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

### SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Dr. DeFilippo provided an overview of Southeastern University's application to operate as a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, 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 Southeastern University to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 19, 2015.**

## **ACTION ON GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC-INSTITUTION POLICIES REGARDING CERTAIN CONTRACT EXCEPTIONS FROM THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

Dr. Alan Edwards, Director of Policy Studies, provided background information on Council's approval of a state employee conflict of interest policy submitted by Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in January 2014 and the proposed SCHEV guidance policy, *Guidelines and Approval Process for Policies at Public Institutions Regarding Exceptions for Certain Contracts Under the Conflict of Interest Act*. Dr. Edwards explained the Code of Virginia §2.2-3106(C)(8) requirements and the institutional process for submitting policies to SCHEV for review and approval or disapproval. He noted a date change for the institutions but no substantive change to the policy itself. There was a brief discussion regarding state employees working for private entities and university intellectual property. Dr. DeFilippo mentioned the benefits of the policy and emphasized the importance of institutions having a blueprint to follow to assure exceptions are granted in accord with code.

On motion by Ms. Chase and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, 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, in order to facilitate public institutions' compliance with § 2.2-3106(C)(8) of the Code of Virginia, approves and enacts "Guidelines and Approval Process for Policies at Public Institutions Regarding Exceptions for Certain Contracts Under the Conflict of Interests Act", and in so doing, delegates authority to the SCHEV director to review and approve or disapprove such institutional policies.**

## **UPDATES ON CERTIFICATION STATUS OF THREE INSTITUTIONS**

### College of Henricopolis School of Medicine

Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on the provisional certification granted by Council on May 20, 2014, and informed members that the College of Henricopolis

School of Medicine (CHSM) has failed to meet Council's required actions, which includes attaining preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). It was further explained that if the institution is not in compliance by June 1, 2015, certification lapses and no further postsecondary activities are allowable under Virginia regulations. CHSM may re-apply, without prejudice, for certification once it has achieved preliminary accreditation.

#### Kings Park University (KPU)

Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on Kings Park University (KPU) and staff activities to revoke certification of the institution due to past issues of non-compliance. He informed members that Kings Park University (KPU) was certified to operate in Virginia in 2002 and by 2012, under the current statute, the institution was required to obtain full certification with an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. DeFilippo reported that as of March 2015, KPU is still not accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) and staff has issued notice to KPU to revoke its certification.

#### Security University

Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on the certification status of Security University (SU) and explained SCHEV actions to date, including the consent agreement and terms of revocation for non-compliance. Dr. DeFilippo explained the institution has 60 days to report its actions to SCHEV on addressing non-compliance issues, and will undergo a final full audit in October 2015 to verify compliance.

Due to time constraints, Mr. Lockhart requested the following two agenda items are postponed and added to future agendas:

### **PRESENTATION ON SCHEV ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE STUDENT SUCCESS**

### **POLICY DISCUSSION: ONLINE PROGRAMMING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

#### **LIAISON REPORT**

Dr. DeFilippo provided a written report on Academic Affairs activities, as below. Due to time constraints only item IV was reported on:

- I. Events
  - June 9: Summit on Quality and Value in Virginia's System of Higher Education.
  - June 25: College Board briefing on the new SAT. Capitol, 1-4.
- II. HB 1336. State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; policy on course credit at public institutions of higher education for certain examinations.
  - Staff met with College Board representatives on May 14.

- Ms. Ashley Lockhart has been hired as Policy Analyst (part-time) to work on the project.
  - Upcoming: IPAC discussion on June 19, and institutional visits this summer.
- III. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)
- 23 states have now joined.
  - 17 Virginia institutions have been approved, the most in the SREB region; more are in the pipeline.
- IV. St. Paul's College Student Records. SCHEV staff met with St. Paul's College officials in April to inspect the disposition of student academic records since the institution's closure. Staff confirmed that the records have been arranged in accord with requirements of the Library of Virginia. The records will be transferred to SCHEV, catalogued, and then transferred to the Library of Virginia for permanent storage. In future, former students of St. Paul's seeking transcripts will be able to apply for them to SCHEV.
- V. Ms. Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, Director of Private and Out of State Postsecondary Education (POPE) at SCHEV, has been elected President of the National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS). The NASASPS presidency is the leading national position for state administrators responsible for overseeing private postsecondary education. Over the next three years, Ms. Rosa-Casanova will be playing a leadership role in representing states' interests to the federal government on a wide range of issues related to higher education regulation reform.

The committee members extended congratulations to Ms. Rosa-Casanova for her new leadership position with NASASPS.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lockhart adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm.

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Gene Lockhart  
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

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Darlene Derricott  
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
TJ21 COMMITTEE  
MAY 18, 2015  
MINUTES**

Mr. Haner called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. in Ty Cobb Stadium Lounge, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. Committee members present: Gilbert Bland, Marge Connelly, Steve Haner, Henry Light, and Gary Nakamoto. Council chair, G. Gilmer Minor, III, was also in attendance.

Committee member absent: Martin Briley.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Kirsten Nelson, Lee Ann Rung.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Mr. Bland, the minutes from the March 16, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

**PROGRESS REPORT SINCE ENACTMENT OF TJ21 LEGISLATION**

Mr. Haner indicated that at his request staff provided an analysis of progress made since enactment of the TJ21 legislation. He reviewed the charts and indicated that there has been some improvement over the last two years but there are still shortfalls. The six-year planning process has improved and this year's efforts will be underway shortly. It was noted that on page TJ11 the numbers at the bottom of the page should be billion rather than million and Virginia's share as a percent of total US research funding increased from 1.96% (not \$1.19%) to 2.12%.

Mr. Hix provided Mr. Haner with the 2016 change in general fund (GF) that showed a 4.9% increase, on average, since 2010. With a couple exceptions (CWM and UVA) each institution received an increase in general fund support over the period. Ms. Connelly suggested that Council explore other opportunities to get the word out about the progress being made, perhaps through an op ed from the chairman stating the facts.

Mr. Haner called specific attention to the table on page TJ18 showing Share of Tuition and Mandatory E&G Fees to the Cost of Education for In-state Undergraduate Students. He noted that the statewide average student contribution was 38% in 2010 but grew to 51% in 2014 and is 53% in 2015. Virginia ranks 44 in terms of GF support per student in the nation and 24 in overall funding per student. Mr. Haner suggested that the Committee review this report again in a year. Mr. Hix answered questions from members and it was noted that funding for higher education is considered *discretionary* in Virginia as there is no dedicated source of revenue to fund it.

Mr. Haner noted that while not huge, there has been some increase in STEM degrees over the last few years. Mr. Bland asked if the health degrees that are part of the STEM degrees (STEM-H) could be broken out. Ms. Connelly agreed and indicated that health degrees serve an existing need but other STEM degrees are more aligned with economic development, which was the impetus of TJ21. Mr. Massa agreed to send the information to members.

Mr. Blake reminded members that as an outcomes document, TJ21 has achieved many positive results, even without the expected state investments. The goal of affordable access has been compromised by the lack of state investment and is not a solid foundation for the future. As a result, tuition increases have become the de facto dedicated source of revenue.

### **DISCUSSION OF LUMINA PROJECT**

Mr. Blake provided background information on the State Policy Academy sponsored by the Lumina Foundation. Virginia is eligible to receive up to \$50,000 by developing a one-year work plan that promotes equity through statewide attainment goals and effective postsecondary policies. Ms. Kang explained the three key areas of focus: analyzing student success and financial aid data; reviewing financial aid policies; and developing and promoting affordable pathways. SCHEV staff will support the work of the Virginia team over the coming year and attempt to find ways to align it with other projects currently underway. The results will support the statewide strategic plan and provide national exposure to Virginia and access to national leaders. The project is referred to as the "Closing the Equity Gap" sponsored by Lumina. The unique aspect of the project is that the unit of measure is the student population rather than the institution.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Steve Haner  
Committee Chair

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Lee Ann Rung  
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 19, 2015  
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Crawley Forum, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Martin Briley, Johanna Chase, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Steve Haner, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, III, Pamela Moran, William Murray, and Gary Nakamoto.

Council member absent: Carlyle Ramsey.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Kirsten Nelson, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, and Lee Ann Rung.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Minor reported that no requests for public comment were received in advance of the meeting. He asked if anyone present would like to make public comment and no one came forward.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Bland, the minutes from the March 17, 2015, Council meeting and the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on April 6, 2015, were approved unanimously (11-0). Ms. Moran was not present for the vote. She joined the meeting at 9:30.

**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CHRIS HOWARD**

Mr. Minor thanked President Howard and his staff for hosting the Council meetings and tour and read President Howard's bio.

President Howard expressed his appreciation to SCHEV for supporting the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG).

Hampden-Sydney College (HSC) has been educating young men for 240 years. Adaptation and change is name of the game. Retention is the first priority in HSC's strategic plan. President Howard provided examples of efforts underway at HSC that have had positive results and said by concentrating on goals, the college has seen a correlation between engagement and academic performance. HSC is using athletics to keep students involved and has been an amazing retention tool. In 2013 HSC had the highest retention level since 1990, even though more than twice as many students had Pell grants.

President Howard introduced Brian Collins, Suma cum laude graduate from the class of 2015. Mr. Collins spoke about recent changes in resident life at HSC that stresses accountability. HSC has embraced the mentor role and requires every RA to sign a covenant agreeing to do certain things to encourage student involvement.

President Howard stressed the importance of students “owning” their education. He also answered questions from members.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Mr. Minor congratulated Ms. Moran for being awarded Virginia’s Superintendent of the Year. Ms. Moran thanked the Council and credited the work of her team.

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Governor’s Task Force - The recommendations of the Task Force on Combating Sexual Misconduct on Campus will be forthcoming and will likely include one that requests SCHEV to coordinate efforts to assist institutional boards and senior staff members on matters related to campus sexual assault.

Board professionals - SCHEV convened the first meeting of the public institutions’ board professionals on April 29. Mr. Minor provided a welcome from the Council and the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth gave an overview of the board appointment process. SCHEV staff also provided information on recent legislation, the next orientation session for new board appointees, as well as the statewide strategic plan. The event was well attended and participants were grateful for the opportunity to share best practices and seek assistance on particular institutional issues. Another session will be planned for next year.

Summary on quality and value – Mr. Blake encouraged members to inform Ms. Rung if they are interested in attending so that she can register the Council as a group.

Outstanding Faculty Awards – This year’s training session for public and private institutions was videotaped and made available on the SCHEV website to encourage and assist those institutions in submitting a package.

Staff activities - SCHEV’s director of Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education programs, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, recently became president of the National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools.

### **DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mr. Blake informed the Council that staff has met with all of the advisory committees, including the college presidents, provosts, and finance officers and has involved a

small group of four representative presidents as well as Dr. Murray and Ms. Connelly representing the Council to refine the measures and targets.

He requested additional feedback from the entire Council. Mr. Briley stressed the need to identify unfulfilled workforce gaps from the private sector in order to better connect students to jobs in the state and provide economic prosperity. Mr. Haner asked that the Council not rush through the process, noting that the strategic plan is the most important item the Council has addressed in recent years.

Mr. Briley offered to work with SCHEV staff to add factors for the Council to consider. Dr. Murray suggested that if there is a desire to discuss the matter in more detail, that members send comments to staff in advance. Mr. Nakamoto agreed with this suggestion. Ms. Connelly said the Council should be comfortable with the measures but it needs to put a line in the sand. She said the measures can be a living document but not completely fluid. Mr. Fralin expressed his desire for the Council to spend more time on the measures as well as the initiatives.

Mr. Minor decided to schedule an additional meeting of an ad hoc committee (Mr. Minor, Dr. Murray, Mr. Fralin, Mr. Lockhart, Ms. Connelly, and Mr. Haner) in June to continue the discussion. In the meantime, Mr. Minor encouraged all members to send their comments or suggestions to Mr. Blake before the end of next week.

The Chairman called for a break at 11:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Minor introduced the representatives from Virginia Commonwealth University who were in attendance. Dr. Michael Davis, Interim Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs; Dr. Ann Hamric, Associate Dean of Academic Programs in the School of Nursing; and Dr. Juanita Sharpe, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

#### *Action on Programs at Public Institutions*

Mr. Lockhart asked Dr. DeFilippo to provide the report. Dr. DeFilippo noted that the Committee approved the new program unanimously. Dr. Hamric and Dr. Davis provided a brief overview of the program, stating that it is unique in that its focus is on patient safety and quality. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution was approved unanimously (10-0). Ms. Connelly and Mr. Bland were not present for the vote:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Doctor of**

**Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree program in Nursing Practice (CIP: 51.3818), effective fall 2015.**

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

Two representatives from Southeastern University were recognized and the Committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Chase. The following resolution was approved unanimously:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Southeastern University to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 19, 2015.**

*Action on Guidelines for Public-institution Policies Regarding Certain Contract Exemptions from the Conflict of Interest Act*

Mr. Lockhart explained that this one of perhaps several clean-up items from the Code of Virginia. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Nakamoto and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in order to facilitate public institutions' compliance with § 2.2-3106(C)(8) of the Code of Virginia, approves and enacts "Guidelines and Approval Process for Policies at Public Institutions Regarding Exceptions for Certain Contracts Under the Conflict of Interests Act", and in so doing, delegates authority to the SCHEV director to review and approve or disapprove such institutional policies.**

Mr. Lockhart briefly mentioned the following items that were discussed at the Academic Affairs Committee meeting:

*Updates on Certification Status of Three Institutions*

Dr. DeFilippo provided a brief update on College of Henricopolis; Kings Park University; and Security University.

*Presentation on SCHEV Activities to Promote Student Success*

Mr. Lockhart indicated that the Committee postponed discussion of this item until the July meeting.

*Policy Discussion: Online Programming at Public Institutions*

The Committee postponed discussion of this item until July.

Mr. Haner reported that there were no action items from the TJ21 Committee. He provided a brief explanation of the following items that were discussed:

#### *Progress Report Since Enactment of TJ21 Legislation*

Mr. Haner thanked staff for preparing, at his request, information showing the successes and shortfalls of actions related to TJ21. He reviewed some of the charts that the Committee discussed and suggested that future measures be benchmarked against the strategic plan rather than TJ21.

Mr. Fralin expressed concern about the decline in headcount for VCCS. Mr. Blake informed members that the Chancellor has been invited to address the Council at the July meeting and suggested that this be a topic for discussion. Dr. Murray indicated that the report is rich in data and suggested that a list of bullets items be prepared of things being accomplished that could be used for advocacy. Ms. Connelly mentioned that at the Committee meeting she suggested an op-ed article be written by the Council.

#### *Discussion of Lumina Project*

Mr. Haner asked that Ms. Kang present the information. She provided a brief update and indicated that the goal of the project is to close the equity gap, which aligns well with the first two goals of the statewide strategic plan. This joint effort will attempt to engage all stakeholders including institutions, the Governor's Office, the Secretary of Education's office, as well as Senate Finance Committee staff. Ms. Kang reported that the work of this group could result in a future policy recommendation.

#### Executive Committee

##### *Preliminary Discussion of 2016 Meeting Schedule and Locations*

Mr. Minor indicated that the Executive Committee discussed the 2016 meeting schedule and once staff confirms which institutions can host, the schedule will be brought to the full Council for approval in July. He noted that the January and July meetings would follow the one-day format.

##### *Process of Electing Officers*

Mr. Minor informed the members that he asked Drs. Murray and Ramsey to talk with other Council members about officers for next year. They will report back at the July meeting with their findings.

##### *Discussion of Personnel Matters*

Mr. Minor reported that the Committee met in closed session to discuss personnel matters related to the Director's performance over the last year. The following resolution from the Executive Committee was seconded by Dr. Murray and approved

unanimously (10-0). Members thanked Mr. Blake and his staff for their exemplary work:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council Of Higher Education For Virginia, in accordance with §4-6.01 of Chapter 665, 2015 Virginia Acts of Assembly, and in recognition of Peter Blake's extraordinary performance and dedication to duty, approves a 5 percent bonus for the director.**

### **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 July 20-21 at the SCHEV offices.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Minor indicated that this could be Ms. Chase and Mr. Haner's last meeting. He asked the Council to join him in thanking them for their service to the Council and indicated that their expertise will be missed. He asked them each to say a few words. Ms. Chase said she has considered her appointment to the Council as a privilege and a pleasure and she has learned much over the last four years. She wished the Council well as it moves forward with the strategic plan and indicated that she will continue to watch its progress. Mr. Haner said he has been very impressed with the talent and energy of the Council. He encouraged each member to be mobile, ask questions, and not accept everything at face value. He said education is the Commonwealth's future and said he would be on the sidelines cheering.

Ms. Connelly requested that staff circulate the technical document related to the strategic plan measures and Mr. Blake agreed to send it to the members.

Mr. Minor informed members that Mr. Blake would be attending an executive management program at The Darden School at the University of Virginia in June. He asked that Mr. Blake share information with the Council on who will cover agency operations in his absence.

Mr. Minor thanked Mr. Lambeth and Ms. Ghidotti for their assistance in hosting the meeting with the private college presidents.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Johanna Chase  
Secretary

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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
College of William and Mary	Change the CIP code of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from 11.0101 to 11.0701	Spring 2015
George Mason University	<b>Program Merger:</b> Create the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Visual and Performing Arts (50.0101) from the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Art and Visual Technology (50.0101) and the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Dance (50.0301)	Fall 2015
Old Dominion University	Change the CIP code of the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nursing Practice from (51.3899) to (51.3818)	Fall 2015
Tidewater Community College	<b>New Program Approved:</b> Associate of Applied Science degree program in Diesel Technology (47.0605)	Fall 2015
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	<b>Facilitated Staff Approval:</b> Bachelor of Science degree program in Systems Biology (26.1104)	Spring 2016
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	<b>Facilitated Staff Approval:</b> Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Higher Education (13.0406)	Fall 2015

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
College of William and Mary	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in College Teaching (13.1299)	Summer 2015
George Mason University	Discontinue the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Art and Visual Technology (50.0101). [Program Approved: Fall 2001]	Spring 2021
George Mason University	Discontinue the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Dance (50.0301). [Program Approved: Fall 1992]	Spring 2016

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Business Analytics and Big Data (52.1299)	Fall 2015
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Project Management in Engineering and Technology (52.0211)	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
George Mason University	Create the <b>Department of Mechanical Engineering</b> in the Volgenau School of Engineering. The creation of the Department will provide the infrastructure for the management of the BS degree program in Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Minor.	June 1, 2015
George Mason University	Reorganize the School of Physics, Astronomy, and Computational Sciences to create two departments: the <b>Department of Physics and Astronomy</b> and the <b>Department of Computational and Data Sciences</b> . The reorganization will allow the institution to establish separate academic communities for physics and astronomy faculty and students and computational and data sciences faculty and students.	July 1, 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
Germanna Community College	March 5, 2015
James Madison University	April 1, 2015

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Lord Fairfax Community College	April 21, 2015
University of Management and Technology	April 21, 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**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Luckes Beauty Academy	Newport News, VA	April 8, 2015
Paul Mitchell the School – Roanoke	Roanoke, VA	April 20, 2015
Sentara RMH School of Histotechnology	Harrisonburg, VA	April 20, 2015
Sentara RMH School of Medical Laboratory Science	Harrisonburg, VA	April 17, 2015
Staunton School of Cosmetology	Staunton, VA	April 6, 2015