

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in in room 424, Andrews Hall, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, Virginia. Committee members present: Gil Bland, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, and G. Gilmer Minor, III.

Council member absent: Gene Lockhart.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Lee Ann Rung, and Greg Weatherford. Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Ms. Connelly, the minutes from the January 12, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON POLICY FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATION

Mr. Blake explained that this was a routine policy that complies with requirements for open meetings. The law allows for electronic participation for last minute emergencies on a limited basis, not to exceed 25% of total meetings. For the Council, that would mean that in the case of an emergency, each member could participate electronically once a year as long as the Council has a policy on file.

On motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Bland the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the Policy on Individual Participation in Council Meetings by Electronic Means under §2.2-3708.1 and requests that staff distribute the policy to members.

FOLLOW-UP ON RESULTS OF BOARD SOFTWARE RESEARCH

Ms. Rung provided an update on the results of the Council poll about members' preferred board software features. She also summarized for members the results of the institutional poll. Council members expressed concern that state agencies and educational institutions could not enter into joint contracts to allow for cost savings. Mr. Blake explained that SCHEV could enter into a joint contract with other agencies, but not with the educational institutions. Because prices varied greatly, Mr. Bland and Ms. Connelly suggested that staff consider purchasing software in the middle price range. Mr. Bland suggested that staff explore the features of BoardEffect software before making a decision. Staff suggested that they choose two or three software packages and request a trial period. Ms. Rung and Ms. Kang will seek a few Council volunteers to participate in the trials of the two to three options. Mr. Minor requested

that the paperless option remain an option for members in case there are some who wish to continue to receive hard copies. Members also suggested that staff continue to explore opportunities for economies of scale.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Mr. Blake asked Ms. Kang to provide an update on the status of initiative 5 and inform the members about what has been done to date with regard to communications. She reviewed the chart in the agenda book and introduced Mr. Weatherford as SCHEV's Communication and Outreach Specialist. Ms. Kang reviewed Mr. Weatherford's extensive experience in media, newspapers, communications, and social media.

Mr. Fralin highlighted three areas in the budget passed this session that he thought were important to communicate quickly through social media and perhaps newspapers. First, SCHEV should publicize the substantial investment allocated for higher education along with a reminder that tuitions should be modest as a result of the large state investment. Second, SCHEV and the institutions should advise the public and students about the additional financial aid that would be available. Third, because the research component of the budget is far larger than anything in past, he suggested tracking any additional research faculty hired as well as additional research buildings, and requested that SCHEV develop a way to measure jobs created by the large investment in research funding.

Members also suggested that staff express SCHEV's appreciation to the Governor and General Assembly for the infusion of funds that have been budgeted for higher education. Ms. Connelly also expressed a desire to thank members of the legislature for their vision in funding higher education. Mr. Minor suggested that the Council team with universities on a communication message that could be jointly promoted.

Mr. Fralin suggested utilizing alumni publications at each university as a means of communication of SCHEV's ongoing efforts. Ms. Kang informed the members that a meeting with institutions' communications officers has been scheduled and staff will be coordinating messages with them to carry greater strength. Mr. Minor expressed an interest in attending that meeting.

Ms. Kang reminded members that once the SCHEV website is updated, the search for information, data, press releases, etc. will be much easier. Members provided staff with other ways to improve communications through op-ed opportunities and social media. Mr. Minor asked if the newsletter could be put into a one-pager for parents to understand that there is an entity working to receive state support for higher education. Ms. Kang distributed a copy of the spring 2016 SCHEV newsletter and indicated that it will be sent to legislators, presidents, advisory committees, Governor's staff, and higher education partners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

G. Gilmer Minor, III
Council Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2016
MINUTES**

Dr. Carlyle Ramsey (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), Andrews Hall, Dominion Room 326, in Gloucester Point, Virginia. Committee members present: Heywood Fralin, Carlyle Ramsey and Gil Minor (Council Chair).

Committee members absent: Gene Lockhart (Chair), Bill Murray, Katie Webb.

Staff members present: Beverly Covington, Joseph G. DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Paula Fisher, Jodi Fidler, Wendy Kang, Monica Osei and Sylvia Rosa-Casanova.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Minor, minutes from the January 12, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON VIRGINIA TECH SCHOOL OF NEUROSCIENCE

In attendance from Virginia Tech (VA Tech)

Dr. Rosemary Blieszner, Alumni Distinguished Professor and SCHEV Liaison
Dr. Lay Nam Chang, Dean, College of Science
Dr. Harald Sontheimer, Professor and Executive Director, Neuroscience

Dr. Ramsey recognized members of the Virginia Tech (VA Tech) team and indicated that Dr. Sontheimer will provide a PowerPoint presentation on VA Tech's School of Neuroscience. Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on the Code of Virginia § 23-9.6:1(7), which charges SCHEV to approve or disapprove the creation and establishment of any department, school, college, or other academic organizational unit of any public institution of higher education. He informed members about SCHEV's organizational change policy, and explained the difference between "simple" and "complex" changes. Complex changes involve a substantial investment and planning, and require approval action by Council. The proposed School of Neuroscience at Virginia Tech meets criteria for a complex organizational change.

Dr. Sontheimer explained that the proposed school, the first of its kind in the country, would facilitate cross-disciplinary work by faculty while housing one of the fastest growing majors at Virginia Tech. He responded to members' questions regarding similar programs in the country and the infrastructure needed in terms of growth, labs, faculty and the future development of graduate degree programs. Mr. Fralin congratulated Tech for this significant step in research and commented on the number of students that will seek programs in the School. Members thanked Va Tech staff.

On motion by Mr. Fralin 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 creation of a School of Neuroscience at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, effective fall 2016.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

George Mason University, Master of Laws (LL.M.) in United States Law

In attendance from George Mason University (GMU)

Dr. Henry Butler, Dean, School of Law

Robin Parker, Director of Compliance, Office of Provost

Alison Price, Associate Dean for Admissions, School of Law

Adriana Vito, Director of Graduate Studies, School of Law

Dr. Ramsey introduced GMU staff in attendance. Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on the program and explained it is designed primarily for attorneys educated in foreign law schools in need of an American credential.

Mr. Minor asked about the projected enrollments and Dr. Butler commented that they anticipate GMU will do very well, especially in the Washington D.C. area. Dr. Butler expressed excitement about the program and the committee thanked GMU staff.

On motion by Mr. Fralin 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 Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program in United States Law (CIP: 22.0202), effective fall 2016.

ACTION ON “VIRGINIA PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY ON COURSE CREDIT FOR AP, CAMBRIDGE, CLEP, AND IB”

Dr. DeFilippo directed members to page 23 of the agenda book and explained that the policy advanced for Council consideration is a new iteration of the draft policy presented at the January 2016 meeting. The final iteration was prepared according to feedback from the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC), and was presented to IPAC for discussion in February, at which occasion it earned consensus endorsement of the group.

Mr. Fralin expressed concern about the granting of credit for levels of performance on exams covered by the policy, particularly whether the policy may lead to some students being advanced beyond their level of genuine preparation. Dr. DeFilippo responded that institutions had similar concerns, which the proposed policy seeks to address by placing responsibility for reviewing the exams with institutional faculty. Mr. Fralin requested that institutions review student performance under the new policy

after an initial period of time. Dr. DeFilippo agreed to incorporate such review into SCHEV's implementation of the policy.

Dr. Ramsey mentioned that institutions may have to demonstrate student success as part of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmation process.

On motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Minor, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accord with its responsibilities under §23-9.2:3.10 and §23-9.6:1:15 of the Code of Virginia, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts the *Virginia Public Higher Education Policy on Course Credit for AP, Cambridge, CLEP, and IB*, effective immediately, and directs staff to work with institutions to fulfill its provisions as expeditiously as possible.

ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE SCHEV PROGRAM APPROVAL POLICY

Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on the program approval process and informed the committee of staff's interactions with institutions since September 2015. Dr. DeFilippo directed members to the table on page 33 and explained the three substantive items inclusive of 1) Council's statutory duties, 2) the addition of the "Modified Degree Programs" category, and 3) a two-year limitation on Board of Visitors approvals. Following a brief discussion on institutional autonomy, mission statements, and code of Virginia language, Dr. DeFilippo asked members to approve changes listed in the document.

On motion by Mr. Fralin 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 proposed revisions to the policy "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," effective April 1, 2016, and directs staff to update the policy document accordingly.

UPDATE ON VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Dr. DeFilippo briefed the committee on the following:

Initiative 1

- Affordable Pathways has been granted a budget of \$500,00 per year in the General Assembly's 2016-18 budget.
- The Access and Student Success Summit, to be held in Richmond on June 8, is being led by Wendy Kang with assistance from Paula Fisher.
- An updated Virginia State Policy on College Transfer is on schedule to be presented to Council in July.
- The Interstate Passport is under review by institutions through the summer.

- A Math Pathways Summit will be held on April 22, to initiate conversations between two- and four-year faculty on effective transfer of math competencies.

Initiative 2

- SCHEV has hired Dr. Jodi Fisler to be the lead staff on measuring quality of undergraduate education.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo informed members the report is available on page 40 of the agenda book. He drew attention to the fact that Congress has replaced *No Child Left Behind* with the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) and indicated that staff is still awaiting guidance from the U.S. Department of Education as to whether SCHEV will continue to receive funding under ESSA. He also directed their attention to the NC-SARA map in the agenda book and indicated it reflects the predominant number of states that have now become members of that national initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Carlyle Ramsey
Vice Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Darlene Derricott
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2016
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. in room 424, Andrews Hall, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, Virginia. Committee members present: Gil Bland, Marge Connelly, Henry Light, Pamela Moran, and Minnis Ridenour.

Committee member absent: Gary Nakamoto.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Beverly Covington, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Greg Weatherford.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Connelly asked Dr. Moran to introduce Chad Ratliff who was observing the meeting. Mr. Ratliff is Director of Instructional Programs at Albemarle Public Schools. His work is focused on transition from high school to college. Mr. Radcliff was recently appointed to the Governor's Council on Youth Entrepreneurship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Ridenour, the minutes from the January 12, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

UPDATE ON 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET ACTIONS

Mr. Blake provided an overview and reported that the Governor and legislature approved a significant budget for higher education. Mr. Hix discussed specifics and distributed a revised table. He reviewed the comparison between SCHEV recommendations, the Governor's recommendations, and the final recommendations from the conference committee. The four broad areas in which the Governor and General Assembly invested included operating, with the expectation of keeping tuition low; financial aid; workforce development (including a workforce credentials initiative); and research. Mr. Hix explained that although it is rare to see an increase in the second year of the biennium, this was included in the 2016 budget. Mr. Hix reminded members that this is the first time since the recession that faculty salaries have been increased two years in a row.

Mr. Blake indicated that staff was pleased with the budget and reminded members that the initiatives that have been funded coordinate well with the Council's recommendations and The Virginia Plan for Higher Education.

Mr. Bland thanked staff for working successfully with the legislature on the increases in funding. Mr. Hix reminded members that the legislature's approval of the joint resolution supporting The Virginia Plan for Higher Education set the framework for highlighting higher education during the 2016 session. Mr. Bland indicated that inviting

stakeholders to participate in the strategic planning process was successful in creating buy-in.

UPDATE ON 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Mr. Blake congratulated Ms. Covington for stepping into the role of leading SCHEV through the 2016 General Assembly session. She provided an overview of the legislation that SCHEV followed during session, and highlighted a few bills that were not included in the agenda book. These included a recodification bill that changed code references to Title 23 and an economic development bill that will require institutions to report their efforts in this area in their six-year plans. SCHEV will work with the institutions on how this should be articulated in the six-year plans.

Ms. Covington reviewed a few bills that did not pass in the 2016 session but could require interim studies by SCHEV. With regard to HB895 related to high school redesign, Mr. Blake suggested inviting Secretary Holton to a future Council meeting to discuss the blending that will need to take place between high schools and colleges.

REVIEW WORK PLAN OF JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS OF VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Blake provided background information on the work of the Joint Subcommittee and requested input from Council members. Mr. Ridenour noted that there should be a well-coordinated process and suggested that SCHEV bring quality discussions through its advisory groups. He suggested that staff decide which of the items fit into the advisory committee structure. Dr. Moran noted that there was a theme of efficiency across most of the Subcommittee's plan and suggested that staff map the bulleted items to the strategic plan.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Mr. Blake reminded members that the Executive Committee has responsibility for initiatives 2, 3, and 5, and staff informed members of work that has already begun in certain areas. Mr. Blake encouraged members to pay attention to the Higher Education Research Trust Fund and noted that it could build sustainable funding for research, with the goal of emulating the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund which has been funded for 30 years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Matoaka Woods conference room, College of William and Mary's School of Education, Williamsburg, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, G. Gilmer Minor, III, Pamela Moran, Gary Nakamoto, Carlyle Ramsey, and Minnis Ridenour.

Council members absent: Martin Briley, Gene Lockhart, William Murray, and Katie Webb.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Beverly Covington, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Greg Weatherford. Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

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 Mr. Light and seconded by Mr. Bland, the minutes from the January 12, 2016, Council meeting and the January 12, 2016, Joint Committee were approved unanimously with one minor change to the second page of the January 12, 2016, minutes (page 57 of the agenda book). In the second sentence under the Miscellaneous, change "she" to "Dr. Moran."

REMARKS BY TAYLOR REVELEY, PRESIDENT, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Mr. Minor read Mr. Reveley's bio and thanked him for hosting the Council meetings at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and at the College of William and Mary.

President Reveley welcomed the Council and reminded members that the College of William and Mary is one of only a handful of institutions in the nation that can trace its creation to the 17th century. William and Mary is now in its 323rd year. President Reveley described the college as having the "brains" of a research university and the "heart" of a small liberal arts college.

President Reveley said SCHEV is making positive differences in higher education, but mentioned three areas in which SCHEV could do better.

First – institutions need to expand collaborative efforts and SCHEV has a unique capacity to convene Virginia’s colleges and universities to help with collaborative ventures. To be effective, SCHEV would need to determine areas for concentration and work with institutions to produce results.

Second – in addition to the legislatively mandated duties of SCHEV, it would be helpful for the Council to be a leader in moving beyond talking about issues and begin taking action.

Third – Virginia’s system of higher education needs to identify its financial realities more effectively. Because of SCHEV’s prestige and leadership and the caliber of its staff, it could make progress in this area, even when the issue is politically unattractive.

Mr. Reveley went on to describe his list of seven “realities” in higher education which focused on financial capacity, academic quality, and public-private partnerships.

In summary, President Reveley stressed a need to identify Virginia’s realities and determine implications before it’s too late to shape the future. He said that simply stressing to legislators the important role of higher education in civic life, public safety and economic development is not sufficient. President Reveley emphasized a need to continue asking for state support but said that was only part of the answer.

President Reveley thanked the Council and SCHEV staff for their efforts, saying that they play a crucial role in advocating for higher education in the Commonwealth.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Blake briefly reviewed the items in the written report which was included in the agenda book. He requested Council feedback on how best to proceed with legislative matters that involve SCHEV and the resources associated with them that resulted from this legislative session.

Mr. Minor thanked Ms. Covington and Mr. Blake for working together with the legislature during the 2016 session. The challenge of receiving increased funding and responsibilities is to ensure SCHEV is successful in accomplishing these new duties. Several members suggested expressing thanks to the Governor and legislative leadership. Ms. Connelly noted that SCHEV has been asked to accomplish many goals in a relatively short period of time. Mr. Blake indicated his commitment to complete the tasks and noted that he would welcome Council member’s ideas throughout the process. Mr. Fralin noted that the greatest opportunity but also the greatest challenge will be to create a forum for the institutions to become more efficient through collaboration and coordination. He expressed his feeling that the legislators would most likely look to SCHEV to measure success in this area and he asked members to consider how to best accomplish this task, given Virginia’s independent system of higher education.

Mr. Blake recognized the following staff: Dr. Jodi Fisler who is working in Academic Affairs on quality of learning; Mr. Greg Weatherford who is working with Ms. Kang in communications; and Ms. Beverly Covington who assumed the legislative work during the 2016 session.

Mr. Blake introduced Dr. Glenda Scales and indicated that the CGEP program began as a SCHEV initiative in the mid-1980s and it continues to fit in with many of SCHEV's initiatives.

PRESENTATION FROM COMMONWEALTH GRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM (CGEP)

Dr. Glenda Scales introduced the CGEP directors and advisory board members.

Dr. Scales discussed the CGEP vision, mission and outcomes and pointed out the connections to the Virginia Plan for Higher Education. She also informed the Council that CGEP could play a role in the new non-degree initiative assigned to SCHEV in the legislative session.

Mr. Bailey, Executive Director of The Center for Advanced Engineering Research (CAER), discussed the new network-based operating model and described its benefits. He mentioned the benefits to the Commonwealth, including improving customer service to students. He noted that a collaborative best practice model is one of continuous improvement.

Dr. Scales credited CGEP's success to its solid infrastructure. She thanked Mr. Hix and Dr. Mottley for their support and answered questions from members. Members congratulated Dr. Scales and the CGEP staff for delivering a value to the Commonwealth and the institutions. Mr. Ridenour suggested that CGEP be offered as a model of how Virginia is using technology successfully. Dr. Scales said it is her desire that the program be nimble enough to move quickly to address particular business needs.

The chairman called for a break at 10:44 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN

Ms. Kang distributed a copy off the spring 2016 SCHEV update that addresses the Virginia Plan for Higher Education. She reviewed each initiative and reported on a few recommendations that resulted from discussions at the March 21 committee meetings on the initiatives assigned to each committee. Ms. Connelly suggested that staff translate the recently approved legislation to specific activities for each initiative and incorporate it into one document. Mr. Light suggested that the document also include line item responsibilities from the Joint Subcommittee report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Mr. Minor reported on the following item which would allow members to participate electronically in a meeting in the event of an emergency. On motion by Mr. Nakamoto and seconded by Ms. Connelly, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the Policy on Individual Participation in Council Meetings by Electronic Means under §2.2-3708.1 and requests that staff distribute the policy to members.

Mr. Minor indicated that staff provided a report to the Executive Committee on the results of its poll of members as well as research conducted on board software packages. Staff will continue its research to find a board software package that would work best for the Council and will request a trial of 2-3 products before bringing a recommendation to the Council.

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Ramsey chaired the Academic Affairs Committee meeting in Mr. Lockhart's absence. He reported the following items:

Action on Virginia Tech School of Neuroscience

Dr. Ramsey introduced the representatives from Virginia Tech and indicated that the institution is leading the way in this program. The Committee's motion was seconded by Mr. Fralin and the following resolution was approved (8-0 with one abstention). Mr. Ridenour abstained from voting due to his position at Virginia Tech:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the creation of a School of Neuroscience at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, effective fall 2016.

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

Dr. Ramsey introduced the representatives from George Mason who were present. The Committee's motion was seconded by Dr. Moran and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program in United States Law (CIP: 22.0202), effective fall 2016.

Action on "Virginia Public Higher Education Policy on Course Credit for AP, Cambridge, CLEP, and IB"

Dr. Ramsey indicated that the Committee had previously reviewed various versions of the new policy. Dr. DeFilippo noted that the promulgation memo will allow the Director discretion to incorporate follow-up on student success. The Committee's

recommendation was seconded by Mr. Fralin and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accord with its responsibilities under §23-9.2:3.10 and §23-9.6:1:15 of the Code of Virginia, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts the *Virginia Public Higher Education Policy on Course Credit for AP, Cambridge, CLEP, and IB*, effective immediately, and directs staff to work with institutions to fulfill its provisions as expeditiously as possible.

Action on Revisions to the SCHEV Program Approval Policy

Dr. Ramsey directed members to the language on page 33 showing deletions and proposed language. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Light and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves proposed revisions to the policy "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," effective April 1, 2016, and directs staff to update the policy document accordingly.

Dr. Ramsey said after receiving an update from Ms. Kang, the Academic Affairs Committee also reviewed initiatives 1 and 4 from The Virginia Plan for Higher Education. Mr. Bland noted that he was impressed with the Committee's improved efficiency in presenting information on program approvals.

Resources and Planning Committee

There were no action items brought forward from the Resources and Planning Committee. Ms. Connelly reported that the Committee discussed the following topics:

- Governor's introduced budget
- Fall 2015 enrollment
- 2014-15 degree completions

She reviewed the Governor's introduced budget items and discussed the differences between SCHEV's recommendations and the Governor's proposed budget items. Ms. Connelly noted items on page 20 of the revised table that was distributed. Specific questions were referred to Mr. Blake and Mr. Hix.

Ms. Connelly directed the Council's attention to page 46 for an update on the 2016 General Assembly session and suggested that questions be addressed to Mr. Blake.

She reported that the Committee also reviewed the work plan of the Joint Subcommittee of the Future Competitiveness of Virginia Higher Education.

Ms. Connelly indicated that the Committee also received an update on The Virginia Plan initiatives.

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. Blake reported that Mr. Briley recently left his position as President at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. Dan Gundersen has been appointed as Interim President & CEO/Chief Operating Officer and will assume his role as an ex officio member of the Council. Mr. Blake read a resolution recognizing Mr. Briley's service on the Council. On motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Dr. Ramsey the following resolution was approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, Martin J. Briley served as a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2013 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, he ably served on the Academic Affairs Committee, the TJ21 Committee, and the Research Forum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briley's leadership experience in local, state, national, and international business development and management benefited the Council in its public policy deliberations and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briley demonstrated an unwavering commitment to showcasing the important link between higher education and the expansion of Virginia's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briley spearheaded the unique and historic Memorandum of Understanding that was signed by each of the public institutions, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and the State Council of Higher Education for marketing higher education and supporting collaboration as an economic-development asset and driver for the Commonwealth, its regions and its localities; and

WHEREAS, his unique perspective enabled him to offer observations and suggestions that were invaluable to the Council in developing The Virginia Plan for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, he 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 **Martin J. Briley** 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.

Mr. Minor added that Mr. Briley has been a great asset to Virginia and he will be missed.

Mr. Minor reminded members of the trip to UVA-Wise on April 20 as well as the May 16-17 Council meetings at Washington and Lee University. The Council will meet with the Private College Advisory Board (PCAB) on May 16. Mr. Blake received member input on specific items for the PCAB agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 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
George Mason University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Master of Science degree program in Athletic Training (51.0913) [Conferral: Spring 2018]	Summer 2016
John Tyler Community College	Facilitated Staff Approval: Associate of Applied Science degree program in Electrical Engineering Technology (46.0302) [Conferral: Spring 2019]	Spring 2016
Tidewater Community College	Title Change: From an Associate of Applied Science degree program in Administration of Justice to an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (43.0103)	Summer 2016
University of Virginia	Facilitated Staff Approval: Master of Science degree program in Global Commerce (52.1101) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	Fall 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
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Secondary Education Professional Studies (13.1205) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	Summer 2016
Radford University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Professional Writing (23.1303) [Conferral: Summer 2017]	Fall 2016
Virginia Commonwealth University	Discontinue the Undergraduate Certificate program in International Social Justice Studies (45.9999)	Spring 2016

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:

Institution	Change / Site	Effective Date
George Mason University	Close the Department of Computational Social Science and relocate the PhD degree program in Computational Social Science, the graduate certificate, and all courses designated with the CSS prefix to the College of Science, Department of Computational and Data Sciences.	May 1, 2016
George Mason University	Rename the New Century College to the School of Integrative Studies. The College has been re-named to reflect the current and future mission of the unit, align the unit with nomenclature used within the professional research community, increase opportunities for research, and facilitate faculty recruitment and retention.	May 1, 2016
George Mason University	Rename the Mason Korea Campus, a branch campus in the Republic of Korea to George Mason University Korea. The branch campus has been re-named to more effectively reflect the University's brand and ensure the campus is recognized as a legitimate institution of higher education.	April 15, 2016
Radford University	Record the instructional site Las Piedras Biodiversity Station, Madre de Dios, Peru, South America as an officially-recognized off-campus instructional site.	May 2, 2016

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
Averett University	January 11, 2016*
College of William and Mary	December 15, 2015*
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	January 20, 2016*

Institution	Effective Date
Norfolk State University	February 22, 2016
Old Dominion University	December 17, 2015*
Regent University	January 11, 2016*
Stratford University	February 22, 2016*
Tidewater Community College	February 11, 2016*
University of Management and Technology	February 25, 2016*
University of Virginia	December 17, 2015*

* Denotes renewal to continue participation in NC-SARA.

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
American Massage & Bodywork Institute	Vienna, VA	December 21, 2015