

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in Room P124, Plecker Workforce Center, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, and G. Gilmer Minor, III.

Committee member absent: Gene Lockhart

Other Council members present: Henry Light, William Murray, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, Tom Slater, and Katharine Webb.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Wendy Kang, Lee Ann Rung, and Greg Weatherford.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Minor introduced one of the two newest members, Tom Slater, and welcomed him to the Council. Mr. Slater expressed his eagerness to serve with the Council in accomplishing its important work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Ms. Connelly, the minutes from the May 16, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Minor reported that Mr. Blake's contract has been completed and signed by all parties. Mr. Blake thanked the Council for its support.

ACTION ON MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Mr. Blake reviewed the proposed schedule and noted that staff was still working with the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia to secure a location for the May, 2017, meeting. On a motion by Ms. Webb and seconded by Mr. Fralin 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 following meeting schedule for calendar year 2017 and requests that staff distribute the information to all Council members:

Briefings and/or committee meetings on Monday Afternoon - meetings on Tuesday (except where noted)

- **January 10 – SCHEV Offices (Richmond)**
- **March 20-21 – travel to public institution (VMI)**
- **May 15-16 – travel to private institution (TBD) – May 15 would include a meeting with private college presidents)**
- **July 18 – travel to community college (John Tyler Community College)**
- **September 18-19 – travel to public institution (NSU) – September 18 would include a meeting with public college and university presidents)**
- **October 30-31 – SCHEV Offices (Richmond)**

UPDATE ON RESULTS OF BOARD SOFTWARE TRIAL

Mr. Blake and Ms. Rung provided an update on the results of the Council trial period and thanked Ms. Connelly, Ms. Webb, and Dr. Murray, for participating. Ms. Rung answered questions from members and informed the Committee that once the procurement process is complete, the new product should be ready for implementation beginning with the September meeting.

UPDATE ON INITIATIVE 5 THE VIRGINIA PLAN

Ms. Kang provided background information about The Virginia Plan for the benefit of Mr. Slater. She answered questions from members and there was a robust discussion of the communications initiative.

Members discussed their concerns about next steps that should be taken with regard to the communications plan, particularly with changing the public perception of Virginia higher education. This includes effectively communicating with and convincing the public of the accomplishments being made in Virginia higher education and being critical of any inefficiencies. Some members expressed the need for SCHEV to take on authoritative issues and be the voice in informing the public of the true picture in Virginia higher education, even if it is critical.

Mr. Fralin suggested that ongoing op ed pieces be prepared and Dr. Murray suggested that some members could assist in this regard. Mr. Fralin also suggested working closely with PK12 to inform students at an early age about higher education opportunities and the funding that is available to further their education.

Committee members agreed that further discussion of this matter should not be delayed and should involve all members.

Ms. Kang briefly demonstrated the features of SCHEV's new website.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Dr. Murray, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

G. Gilmer Minor, III
Council Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Gene Lockhart participated in the meeting by electronic means from Nantucket, Massachusetts, pursuant to SCHEV's Policy on Individual Participation in Council Meetings by Electronic Means under §2.2-3708.1. The policy was invoked due to an emergency situation in which his flight to the meeting was cancelled, preventing his attendance in person. Dr. Carlyle Ramsey substituted as Chair of the committee.

Dr. Ramsey (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. at Blue Ridge Community College, Plecker Workforce Center, in Weyers Cave, Virginia. Committee members present: Ken Ampy, Gene Lockhart, Heywood Fralin, Bill Murray, Carlyle Ramsey and Katie Webb.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Alan Edwards, Beverly Covington, Wendy Kang, Paul Smith, and Greg Weatherford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Webb, minutes from the May 16, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Attendees from George Mason:

- Dean Henry Butler, Antonin Scalia School of Law
- Alison Price, Associate Dean, Admissions & Enrollment Management, Antonin Scalia School of Law
- Robin Parker, Director of Compliance, Office of the Provost

Dr. Edwards commented that the Mason LLM in Global Antitrust Law and Economics would be the first such program in the state and requires no additional state resources.

On motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Fralin, 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 Global Antitrust Law and Economics (CIP: 22.0205), effective fall 2016.

Attendees from VCU:

- Dr. Juanita Sharpe

- Ms. Jana Mcquaid
- Mr. Preston Bryant

Dr. Murray commented on the significant demand for the Decision Analytics program proposed by VCU. Dr. Edwards concurred and said although similar programs exist at other institutions, staff had no concern about issues of unnecessary duplication due to projected statewide demand for such credentials and graduates. Committee members discussed aspects of the nomenclature used to describe the students in the program.

On motion by Dr. Murray 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 grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Master of Decision Analytics (M.D.A.) in Decision Analytics degree program in (CIP: 52.1301), effective fall 2016.

ACTION ON UPDATED STATE POLICY ON COLLEGE TRANSFER

Dr. Edwards provided an introduction, stating that the State Policy on College Transfer has been in effect for decades but has not been revised since 2004. An update at this time was necessary to incorporate changes in legislation, state policy and practices in higher education. The revision process was overseen by the State Committee on Transfer.

Dr. Paul Smith presented the revised policy, described new provisions, and answered questions from committee members. Members discussed communication between institutions regarding transfer and agreed they would like a follow-up report on the implementation of the policy, including information on the employability of transfer students. Members engaged in discussion on various aspects of transfer, including prior learning assessment, improvements in the transfer process over the last 15 years, dual enrollment, under-represented populations, and success of transfer students.

On motion by Dr. Murray 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 approves the updated *State Policy on College Transfer*, effective immediately, and directs staff to implement its provisions collaboratively with public institutions of higher education.

ACTION ON ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE – JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

Attendees from James Madison University:

- Dr. Brad Newcomer, Director, Honors Program

- Dr. A. Jerry Benson, Provost
- Kristi Shackelford, Assistant Vice Provost, Academic Policy and Curriculum Development

Mr. Lockhart asked about the operating budget for the program. Dr. Benson responded that the program is not designed to produce a cash flow but to enhance the quality of academic endeavors at the university.

On motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Ampy, 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 the Honors College at James Madison University, effective fall 2016.

REVIEW OF OUTLINE OF PLAN REQUIRED BY §23-7.4:7 (HB2320, 2015) FOR A COOPERATIVE ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

Dr. Edwards offered for Council review and feedback the outline on page 55 of the agenda book. He noted certain challenges that are presented by the Code language and said that the final report will examine how those challenges will impact the ability to implement the legislation in a manner consistent with the patron's intent. Staff will present a draft of the required plan at Council's October 24-25, 2016, meetings.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES 1 AND 4

Wendy Kang provided an update on Virginia Plan initiative 1, related to alignment of resources from PK-12, colleges, universities and other public sources. The budget provided funding for SCHEV to administer grants for pathways programs. Requests for proposal are due on August 1st from institutions that are ready to implement affordable pathways programs, and there will be some small planning grants for institutions only in the planning stage. Initiative 4, regarding collaboration with institutions to measure the quality of undergraduate education, is being addressed through the formation of a task force. The Governor's office has also created an initiative to create supply/demand dashboards for high-demand jobs. The status for all the initiatives is included as part of item #8 on the full Council agenda.

Mr. Fralin commented that data on graduates' employment and earnings five or six years out will be key for Council to understand what it should be promoting. Committee members engaged in discussion on how SCHEV can better determine which programs are most effective at enhancing student success.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. Edwards informed members the report is available on page 61 of the agenda book.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Carlyle Ramsey
Vice Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Beverly Covington
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in Room P126-A, Plecker Workforce Center, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Henry Light, Minnis Ridenour, and Tom Slater. Council Chair, G. Gilmer Minor was also in attendance.

Committee members absent: Pamela Moran.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Russ Carmichael, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Ridenour and seconded by Mr. Light the minutes from the May 16, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON FULL COST REPORT

Mr. Hix provided details of the item that was included in the agenda book and reminded members that the Appropriation Act requires that Council review and approve yearly the full cost of education and provide a report to the General Assembly. Dr. Zheng explained the monitoring calculations done by SCHEV staff to determine if institutions met the requirements of 100% of the cost of education. Mr. Ridenour said it is important to note that the report only addresses instructional costs, which is often misunderstood by the general public. Dr. Zheng and Mr. Hix answered questions from members. Mr. Minor suggested that staff provide members with a briefing on higher education finance, particularly for new members.

On a motion 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 2016-17 Full Cost Report.

ACTION ON REGULATIONS FOR WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Kang provided background information and reminded members that the draft regulations were reviewed at the last meeting. Eligible institutions, the Virginia Workforce Board, Governor's staff and select legislative staff have reviewed and provided comments. She answered questions from members and explained the next

steps about monitoring over the next year. She also reported that SCHEV is hiring a full-time position to support the data processing and reimbursement requests for the grant.

On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Mr. Ridenour 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 proposed regulations for Workforce Credential Grant Program and directs to staff to incorporate any necessary technical changes that may arise subsequent to further executive or legal review.

ACTION ON GUIDELINES FOR CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Hix provided background information and asked Mr. Andes to provide details. Mr. Andes explained the highlights of the program elements as outlined on page 82 of the agenda book. He informed members that the Office of the Attorney General has reviewed the regulations and staff is awaiting additional feedback from the Secretary of Education. Mr. Minor suggested that members consider attending the cybersecurity seminar scheduled for September 16 at Longwood University.

On a motion by Mr. Ridenour 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 proposed policies, application, and promissory note for the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship program and directs staff to incorporate any necessary technical changes that may arise subsequent to further executive or legal review.

DISCUSSION OF MEASURES OF INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Mr. Hix provided background information about the process and introduced Dr. Jean Mottley. Dr. Mottley reviewed the preliminary findings. She also reviewed the next steps and indicated that the Financial and Administrative Standards reviews are underway by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). Once SCHEV staff receives feedback from DPB in August, staff will include this information in the September agenda book. She reminded members that the Council has broad authority in the certification process. Systemwide all six measures were achieved. Dr. Mottley answered questions from members and reminded the Committee that this will be an action item at the September meeting.

UPDATE ON INITIATIVES 2, 3, and 6 OF THE VIRGINIA PLAN

Mr. Blake provided a brief overview for the benefit of Mr. Slater and referred members to the materials beginning on page 105. Due to the lateness of the hour, there was not much discussion of this item since Ms. Kang was to provide an overview of the Virginia Plan at the full Council meeting.

REPORT OF THE STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Blake discussed the state revenue shortfall and informed members that the Governor and advisors are reviewing the data and will release a revised revenue forecast in August. The Governor may require agencies to submit budget reduction plans.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. in Room P126-A, Plecker Workforce Center, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Virginia. Council members present: Ken Ampy, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, G. Gilmer Minor, III, William Murray, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, Tom Slater, and Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: Dan Gundersen, Gene Lockhart, and Pamela Moran.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Russ Carmichael, Beverly Covington, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW APPOINTEES TO COUNCIL

Mr. Minor welcomed Mr. Ampy and Mr. Slater and read their bios to the members.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Murray reported that after individual conversations with the members, all agreed that Council is moving in a positive direction and felt it was desirable to stay the course. Dr. Murray made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Ramsey and Ms. Connelly called for a vote. The following resolution was approved unanimously (8-0-Mr. Minor and Mr. Fralin did not vote):

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

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

Mr. Minor said he was honored to continue to serve and looked forward to a successful year for SCHEV.

The position of secretary is an appointed position **and Mr. Minor appointed Mr. Ridenour as Secretary.** Mr. Minor informed the members that Ms. Connelly would continue as Chair of the Resources and Planning Committee and Mr. Lockhart would continue to serve as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Mr. Minor said that in keeping with last year's suggestion that Council members be more involved with the Virginia Plan, he would be assigning each member to work

with staff on each of the six initiatives that Council adopted to support the Plan's four broad goals. The groups will report back to the full Council on efforts being made to manage the initiatives. Mr. Minor will meet with Mr. Blake and Mr. Fralin within the next few weeks and will inform members which initiative they will be assigned. He asked that members send their preferences to him in advance.

Mr. Fralin requested that the Council meet prior to the September meeting to devote more time to discussion to the Virginia Plan. Staff will make arrangements for a meeting the morning of Monday, September 19 and inform members of the details. Dr. Murray offered to provide space for the meeting at the Tredegar Dominion offices.

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Minor reported that there were no requests for public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, the minutes from the May 17, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

REMARKS FROM JOHN DOWNEY, PRESIDENT, BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BRCC)

Mr. Minor highlighted Dr. Downey's accomplishments and thanked him for hosting the Council. Dr. Downey spoke about the impact of SCHEV's work and shared a presentation that illustrated examples of the positive effect SCHEV's work has on students and the economic vitality of communities. His presentation demonstrated how his family has been served by higher education and how countless others in the community provide pathways to lifelong learning. This included programs provided at Blue Ridge Community College in the areas of veterinary technology, policy making, auto technician, and others. In each example, he noted the ways in which it related to a particular goal of the Virginia Plan for Higher Education.

Dr. Downey said he is proud that in 2000 BRCC was the first to sign a guaranteed admission agreement with JMU. This model is now replicated all across the state and the country.

He informed the Council of the Shenandoah Valley partnership and noted that it combines local business and economic development. Dr. Downey answered questions from members and spoke about ways in which the new workforce credential grant will impact the region.

REPORT OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR

Mr. Blake distributed a copy of his report and briefly highlighted the following areas:

Summit – Nearly 280 people participated in the SCHEV-sponsored one-day forum on June 8. He thanked Ms. Kang and others for their work on this successful event.

New board member orientation – Mr. Blake reminded members that the planning group is working to finalize the agenda for the October 18-19 session and thanked Mr. Light and Ms. Webb for their participation. He encouraged Council members to attend.

New Council orientation – Staff has scheduled an orientation for its three newest members on August 17.

Virginia Research Investment Fund and Committee (VRIC) – Mr. Blake thanked Dr. Edwards for his efforts in convening the ex officio members of the committee and institutional research officers. A search is underway for a dedicated staff member to support VRIC.

Tuition and fees – Overall, 97% of in-state undergraduate students attending Virginia public institutions will have tuition increases that are 3% or less. SCHEV will publish its annual report on tuition and fees by August 1.

Legislative visits – Mr. Blake and Ms. Covington have been visiting with legislators around the state. Ms. Connelly suggested that SCHEV might help legislators with constituent concerns by providing answers to frequently asked questions. Mr. Ridenour applauded staff efforts to meet with legislators on their own turf and noted its importance as it relates to the Virginia Plan.

Mr. Blake reported on the state fiscal shortfall and indicated that the Governor and his advisors will have a clearer picture in August of the impact it may have on agency budgets.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN

Ms. Kang provided a brief discussion of the initiatives that were discussed in each committee.

The Chairman called for a break at 2:20 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:30 p.m.

REMARKS FROM GENNERRA PECK, DIRECTOR, INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MCGUIREWOODS CONSULTING, LLC

Mr. Minor introduced Ms. Peck and provided a brief bio of her accomplishments. Ms. Peck spoke about the GO Virginia initiative and what it means for Virginia higher education. She provided background information on the goals of the program and

explained the funding that is provided by the state grants. Ms. Peck reviewed the next steps for the grants and discussed the timeline. Ms. Rung agreed to add Ms. Peck's presentation to the SCHEV website.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Report from Executive Committee

Action on Meeting Schedule and Locations for Calendar Year 2017

Mr. Minor reported that the Executive Committee approved the proposed schedule. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

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Mr. Minor also reported that staff is ready to make a decision about the new paperless board product once the procurement process is complete. Ms. Rung indicated that the new process should be in place by September.

He reported that the Committee also enjoyed a robust discussion of initiative number five of the Virginia Plan related to communications.

Report from Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Ramsey reported on the following items from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting:

Action on Degree Programs at Public Institutions

The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray 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 Global Antitrust Law and Economics (CIP: 22.0205), effective fall 2016.

The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Ampy and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Master of Decision Analytics (M.D.A.) degree program in Decision Analytics (CIP: 52.1301), effective fall 2016.

Action on Updated State Policy on College Transfer

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the updated *State Policy on College Transfer*, effective immediately, and directs staff to implement its provisions collaboratively with public institutions of higher education.

Action on Organizational Change – James Madison University (JMU)

Representatives from JMU introduced themselves and were thanked for attending. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the creation of the Honors College at James Madison University, effective fall 2016.

Dr. Ramsey reported that the Committee also received an update on a plan due by October 1 for a statewide, low-cost, cooperative online degree program. He reported that in accordance with the Council's policy on emergency participation, Mr. Lockhart participated in the Committee meeting by phone because he was stranded in Nantucket due to flight cancellations.

Report from Resources and Planning Committee

Action on Full Cost Report

Ms. Connelly provided an explanation of the requirements that out-of-state students pay at least 100% of the cost of education. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Slater and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2016-17 Full Cost Report.

Action on Regulations for Workforce Credentials Grant Program

Ms. Connelly provided a review of the item and the Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Ramsey. The following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed regulations for Workforce Credential Grant Program and directs to staff to incorporate any necessary technical changes that may arise subsequent to further executive or legal review.

Action on Guidelines for Cybersecurity Scholarship Program

Ms. Connelly provided a review of the item and the Committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Webb. The following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed policies, application, and promissory note for the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship program and directs staff to incorporate any necessary technical changes that may arise subsequent to further executive or legal review.

Ms. Connelly reported that the Committee reviewed the biennial measures of institutional performance. The Council will take action on this item in September. She highlighted attachment 3 on page 95 and noted the good progress that has been achieved across the board. Dr. Murray asked if any thought has been given to updating the statute on Restructuring to reflect current conditions.

RECEIPT OF 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Minor read the following resolution which was seconded by Dr. Murray and approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Nakamoto was appointed to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2012 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, he served on various Committees, including the TJ21 Committee, and served as Vice Chair of the Resources and Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nakamoto's contributions in planning the Council's highly successful research summit resulted in multiple calls to action that have helped Virginia move forward in its research efforts; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence and quality in his work with the Outstanding Faculty Awards by serving on the selection committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nakamoto remained steadfast in his dedication to the students of the Commonwealth, particularly in highlighting the needs of underserved students; and

WHEREAS, his frequent expressions of support for and appreciation of staff's work contributed greatly to the agency morale and esprit de corps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nakamoto's business skills, reputation and strong relationships, strengthened the Council's influence and positive impact in Northern Virginia and beyond the Commonwealth's borders; and

WHEREAS, his cooperative nature, friendly demeanor and good humor, allowed him to work collegially with fellow Council members in carrying out the Council's mission of enriching the Virginia system of higher education during a critical time of uncertainty and change for the Commonwealth's colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia extends its gratitude to **Gary Nakamoto** for his dedication to higher education in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Nakamoto was not present. Council requested that staff mail him the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minnis Ridenour
Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

Items Delegated to Director/Staff

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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/not approved as delegated to staff:

Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
George Mason University	Degree Designation Alteration: Add the degree designation Professional Science Master's (PSM) to the existing Master of Science (MS) degree program in Bioinformatics Management (26.1103)	May 12, 2016
George Mason University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Bachelor of Science degree program in Rehabilitation Science (51.2314) [Conferral: Spring 2018]	Fall 2016
George Mason University	Title Change Not Approved: Change the title from a Bachelor of Science degree program in Tourism and Events Management (52.0903) to a Bachelor of Science degree program in Hospitality, Tourism, and Events Management	June 3, 2016
Lord Fairfax Community College	Facilitated Staff Approval: Associate of Applied Science degree program in Cybersecurity (11.1003) [Conferral: Spring 2018]	Fall 2016
Richard Bland College of William and Mary	Facilitated Staff Approval: Spin-off an Associate of Science degree program in Clinical Lab Sciences from the existing General Associate of Science degree program (40.0101) [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:

New Certificate Programs

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Advanced Counseling Practice (51.1508) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	Fall 2016
Old Dominion University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Mission Analysis and Engineering (14.2799) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	Summer 2016
Radford University	Initiate Undergraduate Certificate program in Accounting (52.0301) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	Fall 2016
University of Virginia	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Health Sciences Management (51.0701) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	Fall 2016
Virginia State University	Initiate Undergraduate Certificate program in Homefront Readjustment for the Armed Forces (44.9999) [Conferral: Fall 2017]	Spring 2017

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 Change Approvals

Institution	Change / Site	Effective Date
George Mason University	Rename the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs to the Schar School of Policy and Government . The School has been re-named to honor the naming gift from Dwight C. Schar and to eliminate the redundancy of the terms Government and International Affairs.	August 1, 2016
Old Dominion University	Create the Graduate School . The creation of a Graduate School will provide the infrastructure to centralize resources to support graduate education and students more effectively. The Graduate School will coordinate student recruitment and interdisciplinary planning for graduate programs, oversee the marketing of graduate programs,	July 1, 2016

Institution	Change / Site	Effective Date
	and coordinate and provide support for all graduate students.	
Virginia State University	Rename the Department of Management Information Systems to the Department of Computer Information Systems . The department has been re-named to describe accurately the overall activities and programs located in the department and to enhance recruitment of faculty and students.	July 1, 2016

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "*Policy on Mission Statement Changes at Virginia Public Higher Education Institutions*," the following item was approved as delegated to staff:

Mission Statement Approval

Institution	Modification – New Statement	Date
Norfolk State University	Norfolk State University, a comprehensive urban institution, is committed to transforming students' lives through exemplary teaching, research and service. Offering a supportive academic and culturally diverse environment for all, the University empowers its students to turn their aspirations into reality and achieve their full potential as well rounded, resourceful citizens and leaders for the 21st century.	June 20, 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:

National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) Approvals

Institution	Effective Date
Bethel College	June 2, 2016
Divine Mercy University	May 11, 2016
Rappahannock Community College	May 10, 2016
Southwest Virginia Community College	June 30, 2016

Institution	Effective Date
Virginia Highlands Community College	June 27, 2016
Virginia Wesleyan College	June 27, 2016

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-276 and section 8VAC-40-31-90 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
Aesthetics Institute of Cosmetology	Winchester, VA	May 5, 2016
Inova Fairfax Hospital School of Medical Laboratory Science	Falls Church, VA	May 3, 2016
Medical Learning Center	Fairfax, VA	May 31, 2016
Tomorrow's Image Barber Academy of Virginia	Newport News, VA	May 3, 2016

Postsecondary Institution Name Acknowledgement

Institution	Former Name	Date
Devine Mercy University	The Institute of Psychological Sciences	May 10, 2016

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.