

SCHEV Priorities for 2012-13

UPDATE: Activities since Council Meeting (November 19-January 15)

1. **ACADEMIC QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY**

(Program approval, viability and relevance; Preparation for life and work)

- Participated in the annual Southern Regional Education Board Data Exchange meeting to maintain/improve the quality of data provided to SREB.
- Attended initial meeting of the SREB State Distance Education Authorization Reciprocity Advisory Board, to begin the process of developing reciprocal authorization among SREB states for purpose of offering distance education; staff will assemble a task force to work on this topic in 2013.
- Prepared and transmitted to the General Assembly a required annual report on community-college transfers to public four-year institutions.
- Conducted an orientation for No Child Left Behind sub-grant program directors and initiated work with the Virginia Department of Education on priorities for the next Request for Proposals, which will include a focus on college and career readiness.
- Reviewed, and prepared for Council consideration and action, public-institution program proposals and proprietary-institution certification applications.

2. **STUDENT SUCCESS**

(Readiness, P-20 alignment: Changing demographics; Student support services)

- Coordinated through GEAR UP with the Secretary of Education and the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia on College Application Week (November 26-30).
- Participated in Virginia Veterans Working Group meeting (chaired by Secretary Suit) to address efforts by state agencies on behalf of veterans.
- Convened the second meeting of the Student Advisory Committee to discuss the messages to be taken to legislators during SAC's annual Lobbying Day.
- Convened a subcommittee of the Military Education Advisory Committee to draft new military credit acceptance guidelines; institutions receive draft guidelines for comment in January.
- Developed a final draft of guidelines on priority course registration for military students; Council (and presidents) will discuss draft in January for action in March.
- Attended a meeting on the cause and possible responses to the rising costs of higher education in Washington DC hosted by the College Savings Foundation.
- Presented information on the reports of Post-Completions Wages of Graduates and updates to the SCHEV Research website to the annual meeting of Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia admissions officers.

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- Presented information on the reports of Post-Completions Wages of Graduates, and on domicile determinations, at the Virginia Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers and the Virginia College Access Network.
- Provided support for the 8th annual Virginia College Access Network conference, which provides information and resources for college access professionals to support and enhance college attainment for residents of the Commonwealth.
- Updated the SCHEV Financial Aid Blog, which serves as a resource for students and parents.
- Planned for a January meeting of College Access Challenge Grant sub-grant partners under the Increasing Adult Completion program.

3. EFFICIENCY, INNOVATION AND INCENTIVES

(Cost control, including auxiliary; Optimal use of institutional assets; Partnerships, collaboration, “scale economies”)

- Prepared a detailed summary of the Governor’s FY 2014 budget amendments, as introduced; reviewed document with the Finance Advisory Committee; and incorporated it into the Council Agenda Book.
- Advanced plans for a conference on digital learning resources in March at the University of Mary Washington; released an RFP for presentation abstracts and an announcement for conference registrations to university provosts.
- Consulted with college and university procurement officers and planned for a multi-institution meeting in January between procurement and academic officers on the terms of a state program for e-textbook procurement.
- Participated in follow-up discussions for implementation of marketing MOU between Virginia Economic Development Partnership, SCHEV, and the public institutions.
- Consulted with stakeholders on the possibility of a 30th-anniversary conference for the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program.
- Participated in meetings and conference calls of the Virginia Innovation Policy Work Group (chaired by Secretary Duffy); offered that SCHEV conduct an academic/industry-research symposium in 2013, potentially in conjunction with envisioned innovation summit in May.
- Edited the “Innovation” page on the agency website, which highlights new and existing programs at Virginia’s colleges and universities that address the goals of TJ21.
- Convened the Final Selection Committee for the Outstanding Faculty Awards, which determined the 11 recipients for 2013.

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4. **CLEAR AND MEASURABLE GOALS AND RESULTS**

(State-level measures; Alignment of state and institutional goals)

- Disseminated Council's budget recommendations to the public via press release, website, and FaceBook; discussed recommendations with key legislators.
- Supported Secretary Fornash and the Higher Education Advisory Committee in efforts to address various financial aid issues.
- Reviewed financial aid regulations to determine which are current and which are in need of update or revision.
- Convened College Access Challenge Grant sub-grant partners and the VCU Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium to assess partners' programs and improve programs' "measurability."
- Presented information on the Virginia Longitudinal Data System to the Virginia Workforce Council and Virginia Career Pathways System, as well as in media interviews.
- Released the new web resource, Data for Localities, which provided the base data for the Virginia Career Pathways Scorecard.
- Monitored introduced legislation for the 2013 General Assembly for bills that pertain to higher education in Virginia.