

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, 9th floor, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Gil Bland, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Gene Lockhart, and G. Gilmer Minor, III.

Council members absent: none.

Other Council member present: Katharine Webb

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Beverly Covington, Joe DeFilippo, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, and Lee Ann Rung. Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA BOOK FORMAT AND DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Mr. Minor asked for input on the possibility of going paperless with future Council materials, and members expressed their interest in certain products that they use on other boards. These included: Board Effect; Board Advantage, and Diligent. Ms. Connelly indicated that using a PDF version of the materials is cumbersome and she felt that the ability to highlight and make notations that most board software offers is important.

Members discussed the possibility of initiating a shared services agreement or a statewide license and requested that staff explore this option. Overall, members preferred an electronic format. Ms. Rung reported that she has reached out to board professionals about scheduling a second meeting of this group and agreed to gauge their interest. Mr. Blake inquired about the need to purchase iPads for the Council and members indicated that they already have their own devices; therefore, they did not think it would not be necessary for SCHEV to purchase additional equipment.

Mr. Blake solicited guidance and suggestions on the content of the agenda book and the way in which items are presented to be sure it is meaningful and useful to members. Ms. Webb provided two suggestions related to content and organization, including continuity of information in reports from one meeting to the next. She also suggested adding a reference to page numbers within the report to make it easier to locate information, particularly The Virginia Plan.

Mr. Blake said staff would follow up with institutions and explore options with shared services with board software in an effort to offer economies of scale.

DISCUSSION OF APRIL VISIT TO UVA-WISE

Mr. Blake reminded members that per the approved meeting schedule, staff was asked to plan a campus visit to UVA-Wise for April 20. He reviewed the proposed schedule of events that the UVA-W Chancellor suggested. Mr. Minor indicated that attendance is voluntary and requested that staff poll members. Members provided suggestions on possible discussions to be addressed during the visit and Mr. Blake agreed to work on the details with the Chancellor.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Mr. Blake reminded members that each committee has been assigned certain initiatives that will be discussed at the committee level. Following the committee discussions, the Council will come together in a joint committee and the chairs will provide a summary of the committee discussions.

Mr. Blake invited Ms. Kang to provide details and she explained the structure document. She requested Council feedback to serve as a work plan that will be updated at each meeting. Ms. Kang reviewed the communications initiatives and discussed the activities since the last meeting. She informed members that a communications associate has been hired. She thanked Ms. Webb for participating in the interview panel and indicated that Mr. Minor and Mr. Blake also were involved in the hiring process. Mr. Fralin requested that staff provide a description of duties to members and a copy of the resume once the new staff member is on board. Mr. Bland applauded staff for moving forward in a timely manner to fill this important position.

Mr. Blake informed members that another new staff member has been hired in Academic Affairs and will begin February 10.

Members discussed the communications plan and the importance of defining a coordinated and consistent message for higher education that would be effective. It should include the value of higher education in general as well as the issues higher education is facing. Mr. Fralin mentioned the importance of making a connection between research and jobs in the marketplace, and Mr. Bland stressed the importance of targeting a message to first generation students. Ms. Connelly warned that the message should be targeted and simple and suggested that each group work consider no more than three initiatives and include ways in which they would take action on those items. She suggested that the message should not be diluted by trying to get too much information to too many people.

Ms. Kang discussed the next steps throughout 2016. Mr. Fralin suggested adding a budget to include the cost of the plan and how it would be funded. He suggested that institutions might be interested in assisting through their foundations or other sources of income.

Mr. Lockhart suggested that The Virginia Plan be discussed in detail in the boards of visitors' orientation to make new members aware of the major elements of it and communicate ways in which their institutions can have an impact.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Blake introduced staff member Beverly Covington and indicated that she would be tracking bills during the 2016 General Assembly session.

Mr. Blake informed the committee that staff is beginning to plan a policy conference with the theme of access and success. The date has not been confirmed but will be planned for June.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Gene Lockhart (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. in SCHEV Offices, 10th Floor Conference Room, in Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Heywood Fralin, Gene Lockhart (Chair), Bill Murray, Carlyle Ramsey and Katie Webb. Council Chair Gil Minor participated from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Committee member absent: Martin Briley.

Staff members present: Beverly Covington, Joseph G. DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Wendy Kang, Monica Osei, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova and Susan Yale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, minutes from the October 26, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTING HB 1336

Dr. DeFilippo introduced the agenda item and explained that, due to discussions with the Instructional Program Advisory Committee (IPAC) on Friday January 8, staff is withdrawing the recommendation that Council approve the draft policy at this time. Staff intends to continue deliberation with the institutions and present a policy for action in March. Dr. DeFilippo explained the current state of deliberations via a PowerPoint, "Review of HB 1336 Policy Discussions," available on the SCHEV website

(<http://www.schev.edu/schev/AgendaBooks/2016Jan/AApresentationHB1336.pdf>).

Committee members expressed concerns about quality, unintended consequences, student outcomes, and implementation procedures to be followed once a policy has been developed.

Dr. Archie Holmes, Vice Provost at the University of Virginia (UVA) and Dr. Weldon Hill, Provost at Virginia State University (VSU), were in attendance and invited to speak. Dr. Holmes informed the committee that UVA's credit policies relating to AP and other exams are determined as a result of substantive review at the departmental level, and that UVA would welcome the chance to engage in a fresh review of its exam policies. Dr. Hill explained that VSU's policies are determined by examining data about student performance, also at the department level. Committee members expressed an interest in data regarding numbers of students taking exams covered by HB 1336 and their academic performance. The committee thanked Drs. Hill and Holmes for their perspectives

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation

In attendance from Old Dominion University (ODU)

Dr. Jeanie Kline, Special Assistant to the Vice Provost; Dr. Brian Payne, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Dr. Martha Walker, Associate Chair, Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.

Dr. DeFilippo provided a brief overview of the program. ODU staff commented that the program is important to the Hampton Roads area and is well received by faculty and students. Members thanked the representatives for their participation.

On motion by Dr. Murray 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 Old Dominion University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation (CIP: 31.0505), effective summer 2016.

Master of Arts (M.A.) in European Studies

In attendance from the University of Virginia (UVA)

Ms. Cheryl Carroll, State Authorization Manager; Dr. Allen Lynch, Professor of Politics.

Dr. DeFilippo provided an overview of the program and offered a revision to the resolution as printed in the agenda book. Specifically, the start date of the program is now fall 2017 (from fall 2016) and the initial period of review is five years (from six years). Dr. Lynch was invited to speak and commented on the differentiation of the interdisciplinary program and that it provides students with a new option not currently available at UVA. Members thanked the representatives for their participation.

On motion by Dr. Ramsey 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 the University of Virginia (UVA) to initiate a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in European Studies (CIP: 05.0106), effective fall 2017, for a period of five (5) academic years, i.e., through 2021-22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UVA will, by December 1, 2021, submit to Council a report on program outcomes relative to benchmarks in placement rate and type for the first four cohorts of graduates. Following reception of the report, Council will take action to approve either the continuation or the phasing out of the program.

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

In attendance from East Tennessee State University (ETSU)

Dr. Richard Osborne-Dean, School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach;
Dr. Mike Smith, Social Work Faculty Member.

Dr. DeFilippo explained that the certification would enable ETSU to offer its Bachelor of Social Work program at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. ETSU representatives were invited to speak about current tuition reciprocity agreements. Members thanked the representatives for their participation.

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 certifies East Tennessee State University to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective January 12, 2016.

UPDATE ON SECURITY UNIVERSITY

Dr. DeFilippo explained that Security University (SU) had passed an audit conducted in October 2015 with no findings. As a result, SU has satisfied terms of its consent agreement and is in compliance with Virginia regulation. No action is needed at this time.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Dr. DeFilippo directed the committee to the Joint Committee (JC) section of the agenda book, pages JC1-2, and explained that initiatives outlined there had been identified as priorities by Council. He pointed out that Initiatives 1 and 4 are related to Academic Affairs and provided updates on relevant activities, including: ongoing review of the State Policy on College Transfer; the Interstate Passport Initiative and a Math Summit to be hosted by VCCS and SCHEV in April. Members acknowledged that it would be helpful to know the timing of activities and recommended that staff work closely with: 1) the K-12 system in support of the student advising component, 2) the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) with workforce development, and 3) business partners. Dr. Wendy Kang explained that staff is working closely with the Governor's office and business communities on identifying the demand gaps and filling them.

LIAISON REPORT

Due to time constraints, Dr. DeFilippo explained the report is available as agenda item #8.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lockhart adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Gene Lockhart
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Darlene Derricott
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, 9th floor, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Gil Bland, Marge Connelly, Henry Light, and Gary Nakamoto.

Committee members absent: Pamela Moran and Minnis Ridenour.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Nakamoto and seconded by Mr. Light, the minutes from the October 26, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF GOVERNOR'S INTRODUCED BUDGET

Mr. Blake said the Governor's introduced budget was very much in line with SCHEV's areas of priority and dollar amounts, including an unprecedented amount for research.

Mr. Hix discussed the elements of the Governor's recommendations and reviewed the amounts in the proposed budget. He explained each item on the chart on page RP8. Mr. Blake explained the new positions that have been filled at SCHEV and indicated that those positions were within SCHEV's current appropriation. The other positions in the Governor's introduced budget for SCHEV would come on board after July 1, if appropriated by the General Assembly.

The capital outlay included in the Governor's proposed budget is significant and includes funding for maintenance reserve, equipment funding, planning funds, and a bond package. Mr. Blake indicated that he and Mr. Minor have already met with legislators, and he suggested that other Council members do the same. Mr. Blake offered to assist in scheduling the meetings.

DISCUSSION OF FALL 2015 ENROLLMENT

The information included in the agenda book is a portion of the information that is on the website. Mr. Massa said there is modest enrollment growth, which is strong at the public institutions but down at the private institutions. The public two-year data were just received and not included in the package. Mr. Massa reported that the high school to college pipeline remains strong. The numbers in Virginia for time to degree and attempted credits to degree are some of the best in the south (the Southern

Regional Education Board is the only organization that collects those data). Mr. Massa said that while some institutions are struggling, it is a reasonably good story overall. Ms. Connelly expressed the need to continue to monitor the growing disparity in gender completion rates. Mr. Blake reminded members that one of the measures in The Virginia Plan is closing the achievement gaps, and Complete College America will be adding a whole suite of reports with more detail about this issue. Mr. Bland suggested that SCHEV continue to make it known that we are on top of these issues.

DISCUSSION OF 2014-15 DEGREE COMPLETIONS

Mr. Massa directed members to the briefing on 2014-15 degree awards and indicated that the Commonwealth remains on track to meet TJ21's degree-award goals. He reported that these data, as well as those on completions of non-degree credentials, were accessible on the Research section of the SCHEV website. Mr. Massa will continue to presents this information to the Council.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Mr. Blake directed the members to initiative #2, and discussed the efforts completed to date, as well as progress and proposed milestones/activities in 2016. Members reviewed the initiatives that the Resources and Planning Committee will continue to monitor. As Committee Chair, Ms. Connelly will provide a summary of the discussion of initiatives #2, #3, and #6).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, 9th floor, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, III, William Murray, Gary Nakamoto, Carlyle Ramsey, and Katie Webb.

Council members absent: Martin Briley, Pamela Moran, and Minnis Ridenour.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Beverly Covington, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng. 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. Nakamoto, the minutes from the October 27, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously (10-0). Dr. Murray was not present for the vote.

REMARKS BY RONALD CRUTCHER, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND (UR)

Mr. Minor read Dr. Crutcher's bio and welcomed him to Virginia as the University of Richmond's tenth president.

President Crutcher talked about the transformative effect of higher education, and explained ways in which *The Richmond Promise*, which is UR's strategic plan, closely integrated the university's academic units and more deeply connected the University with the city and region. Another UR initiative, The Richmond Guarantee, provides each undergraduate student up to \$4,000 to support either faculty-mentored research or a summer internship.

President Crutcher discussed ways in which UR commits to greater diversity, inclusivity, civic engagement, and financial aid. He stressed the importance of pursuing equity mindedness and suggested that institutions partner to find ways to institute this concept and leadership across higher education. In this regard, he

suggested that SCHEV could serve as a convener to bring together colleges on key issues of the day.

Dr. Crutcher answered questions from members and ended by saying he looks forward to working collaboratively to advance higher education in Virginia.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Minor reminded members that after being named Virginia's Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Superintendents last year, Dr. Moran is now one of four finalists for National Superintendent of the Year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Blake briefly reviewed the items in the written report which was included in the agenda book.

The chair called for a break at 1:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:45 p.m.

PREVIEW OF 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Mr. Blake reported that the legislative session begins on January 13 and is a long session, scheduled to end on March 12. He reminded members that Ms. Covington would be following the legislative process for SCHEV in the 2016 session. Mr. Blake informed the Council of the new committee leadership in the Senate.

Mr. Hix mentioned that the Governor's introduced budget for higher education is significant and substantive. The Governor's priorities are in operating funds, student financial aid, workforce, and research (particularly biosciences and cyber security). Mr. Fralin mentioned that the bond package for research would be partially from cash and partially financed through the Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA), which would not require a public vote.

Mr. Blake distributed a list of proposed legislation for the 2016 session and briefly reviewed bills that affect SCHEV. Council members requested links to legislative tracking and Mr. Blake agreed to send. He reminded members that many more bills would be filed before the start of session on January 13. On a request by Mr. Minor, Mr. Blake agreed to send members a list of talking points to use when meeting with legislators. Ms. Webb indicated that it would be helpful if Mr. Blake also provided talking points on any bills that present a challenge to SCHEV.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN

Mr. Blake asked Ms. Kang to review the reporting process and indicated that because we are early in the process, this was a high level review. The report next year will be more in-depth.

Ms. Kang said the 2014-15 academic year and the 2015 fiscal year were baseline years, so data for the plan's measures are only now beginning to be collected. She reiterated the plan's goals and provided background information and a recap of the initiatives and activities. Ms. Kang reviewed the 2015 activities and those planned in 2016, as well as the measures and baseline targets, findings and recommendations, and next steps in the area of communications. Mr. Minor suggested that staff develop a short paragraph regarding The Virginia Plan that SCHEV could give to the institutions to mention in their discussions with legislators in order to create a joint message. Ms. Webb requested that this message also be provided to private colleges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee

Action on Policy for Implementing HB 1336

Mr. Lockhart indicated that the discussion at the committee was good and asked Dr. DeFilippo to explain the background of this item. Dr. DeFilippo said that as a result of his meeting with the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC), staff agreed to withhold its recommendation and work on modifications. The item will be brought to the Council for approval in March. He provided a summary of the institutions' concerns and indicated that the item will be discussed again at the next IPAC meeting before bringing a revised resolution to the Council in March.

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

Dr. DeFilippo briefly mentioned the two programs and noted the conditional approval for the University of Virginia (UVA). Ms. Cheryl Carroll from UVA was in attendance and was introduced. The Committee's motion was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolutions were approved unanimously (10-0):

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BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to the University of Virginia (UVA) to initiate a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in European Studies (CIP: 05.0106), effective fall 2017, for a period of six (6) academic years, i.e., through 2021-22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UVA will, by December 1, 2021, submit to Council a report on program outcomes relative to benchmarks in placement

rate and type for the first four cohorts of graduates. Following reception of the report, Council will take action to approve either the continuation or the phasing out of the program.

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

The Committee's motion was seconded by Dr. Ramsey and approved unanimously (10-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies East Tennessee State University to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective January 12, 2016.

Dr. DeFilippo reported that the Committee also heard an update on Security University, following its advisory audit. No further Council action is required.

The Chairman called for a break at 1:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

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 provided a recap of the Committee's discussions about enrollment and degree completions. In terms of enrollment, some institutions have lost ground, but overall undergraduate enrollment has increased slightly. The Commonwealth remains on track to meet TJ21's degree-award goals.

Mr. Fralin reminded members that there seems to be widespread recognition that higher education is central to economic development, which wasn't always the case. Mr. Bland congratulated staff for their efforts in this regard.

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

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Minor reported that the Executive Committee discussed the April 20 visit to the University of Virginia's College at Wise. He indicated that Council would not be taking up business matters at this meeting and attendance will be voluntary. He requested that staff poll members to confirm the number of attendees and develop a transportation plan.

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. Minor reminded members to take their materials and leave their notebooks to be recycled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 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
Old Dominion University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Master of Science degree program in Maritime Trade and Supply Chain Management (52.0203)	Fall 2016
Virginia Commonwealth University	Change the CIP code of the graduate certificate in Addiction Studies from (34.0104) to (51.1501)	Spring 2016
Virginia Commonwealth University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Oral Health Research (51.0503)	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
George Mason University	<u>Initiate new certificate programs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Certificate program in Chief Learning Officer (52.1099) [Conferral: Summer 2016] Graduate Certificate program in International Sport Management (31.0504) [Conferral: Summer 2016] 	Spring 2016
George Mason University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Environmental GIS and Biodiversity Conservation (26.1307) [Conferral: Spring 2016]	Spring 2016
Old Dominion University	<u>Initiate new certificate programs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Certificate program in Adapted Physical Education (13.1099) [Conferral: Fall 2016] Graduate Certificate program in Literacy Coaching (13.1315) [Conferral: Fall 2016] 	Spring 2016
Radford University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Gerontology (30.1101) [Conferral: Spring 2017]	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
James Madison University	Rename the Department of Nursing to the School of Nursing . The department has been re-named to improve the institution's ability to recruit students and faculty. The term "School" will heighten the distinction and prestige of the nursing program.	January 1, 2016
Longwood University	Close the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy (CVCJA) site at 1200 Church Street, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504	December 8, 2015
University of Mary Washington	Reorganize the College of Education by closing two departments: (i) Curriculum and Instruction and (ii) Foundations, Leadership, and Special Populations. The Office of the Dean will administer the degree programs. The reorganization will allow the College to function more effectively as a single coordinated unit.	January 1, 2016
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Create the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics from the Department of Biomedical Engineering and the Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics. The Department will administer and coordinate five academic degree programs. The merger of the two departments is intended to improve faculty collaboration and research, student recruitment, and utilization of space and equipment.	January 4, 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
Danville Community College	November 3, 2015
ECPI University	November 2, 2015*

Institution	Effective Date
Germanna Community College	December 10, 2015*
Liberty University	December 7, 2015*
Mary Baldwin College	December 7, 2015
Marymount University	November 16, 2015
Sentara College of Health Sciences	December 7, 2015
Shenandoah University	November 3, 2015
University of Mary Washington	November 17, 2015*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	December 7, 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
AVI Career Training	Great Falls, VA	November 18, 2015
Morrison Education Center	Newport News, VA	November 30, 2015

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3106(C)(8), and Council's "*Guidelines and Approval Process for Policies at Public Institutions Regarding Exceptions for Certain Contracts Under the Conflict of Interests Act*," the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Policy-approval Actions

Institution	Policy Title	Effective Date
Virginia Commonwealth University	Research Exception for the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act Prohibited Contracts	December 22, 2015

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JOINT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES**

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Council members absent: Martin Briley, Pamela Moran, William Murray and Minnis Ridenour.

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

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN INITIATIVES

Mr. Fralin chaired the meeting in Mr. Minor's absence.

Each committee chair was asked to review the initiatives that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Mr. Lockhart discussed the initiatives from the Academic Affairs Committee. He indicated that committee members asked staff to provide a timetable of when items will be completed and suggested expanding the bullet list to ensure overall improvement in K12. With regard to initiative #4 – the committee wished to ensure that the process for program analysis is continually improved and to continue to receive updates on the metrics for measuring quality.

Mr. Blake reminded members that funding may be included in the SCHEV budget for affordable pathways to stimulate conversations and proposals among school divisions, employers, and universities, and asked members to begin to consider how to implement. Dr. Ramsey suggested that the Council may wish to explore efforts in Texas where educational summits have been successful in some districts.

Mr. Minor joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Bland asked that staff contact the Department of Education to gauge the interest in having SCHEV involvement in their meetings.

Ms. Connelly reviewed initiatives 2, 3, and 6, which were reviewed by the Resources and Planning committee. Mr. Fralin suggested that 12 months prior to the next gubernatorial election, staff prepare a briefing on a number of the initiatives and gauge the interest of the candidates in adopting them as their priorities. Mr. Minor suggested that a coordinated package be prepared that includes input from the Virginia Business Higher Education Council and K12.

Ms. Connelly explained that there is no funding allocated in the Governor's proposed budget with regard to initiative #3 (innovation and efficiency). If this does not get included in the budget, SCHEV could still take on a convening role with the institutional finance officers and be a catalyst to identify areas where SCHEV could make a difference.

With regard to initiative #6 (research), Mr. Fralin indicated that the current Administration is focused on it and he suggested that members contact legislators to encourage business involvement in making research successful and sustainable. His opinion was that funding is more likely if the business community is involved.

Mr. Fralin reported that staff is very far along on the communications initiative. An Associate of Communications has been hired and will begin before the end of January. This initiative includes multiple messages delivered by many stakeholders. Staff has developed a calendar that brings together partners and a developed strategy.

Mr. Minor reported on the press conference with the Governor that he just attended and indicated that the Governor spoke about building bridges with K12. The Governor also spoke to SCHEV's agenda and is clearly supportive of higher education, as evidenced by his budget recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs