



State Council of  
Higher Education for Virginia

# SAC MINUTES

## Student Advisory Committee Minutes Friday, December 6, 2013 SCHEV Conference Room

**Members Present:** Roshell Brown (Eastern Shore Community College), Danny Lee (George Mason University), Silvia Garcia Murcia (John Tyler Community College), Joana Blum (Richard Bland College), Ester Newman (University of Mary Washington), Phillip Blevins (Appalachian School of Law), Niyant Jain (Virginia Commonwealth University), and Hyisheem Calier (Virginia State University).

**SCHEV Staff Present:** Kirsten Nelson, Kathy Robinson, and Russ Carmichael

- Kirsten (SCHEV) brought the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Kirsten (SCHEV) asked SAC Chair Phillip Blevins if he had any comments or concerns for the group. Phillip said he very much appreciated the invitation to the Council dinner he attended on October 28 which he called a valuable experience. Vice Chair Esther Newman echoed this sentiment.
- Kirsten explained the 2014 SCHEV budget recommendations and the SCHEV bill proposals.
- Kirsten also explained the higher education bills that had been pre-filed as of December 6, 2013: HB 28 which caps out-of-state enrollment at 25%; and HB 59 which allows in-state tuition for childhood arrivals from other countries if they meet certain criteria.
- Kirsten asked the group to identify the budget recommendations and bills it would like to present on SAC Legislative Day at the Capitol and decide what dates would be good for the group. Phillip asked for a show of hands on the measures to be supported and it was decided that faculty salaries, graduate student financial aid, and an expansion of the Two year Transfer grant would be on the list. At least one other topic to be decided at a later date.
- The SAC members present decided that January 20 or 31, 2014 would be the best options for SAC Legislative Day. In order to choose between the two dates, a Doodle poll will be sent to the entire group.
- Kirsten announced upcoming events that include the next Council meeting on January 13/14 to which any SAC member who wishes to attend is invited.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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### HB 59 In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

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#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.** Declares a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he

has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

To track this bill go to <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+sum+HB59>

**A similar bill was introduced and failed last year at the 2013 General Assembly session. Below please note SCHEV's position.**

Below is the language SCHEV is supporting for all Childhood Arrival bills. We have added a specific tax measure from your original bill. Also, we have included exactly what Deferred Action means for your use when presenting to caucus.

§ [23-7.4:2](#). Eligibility for in-state or reduced tuition for students not domiciled in Virginia; tuition grants and in-state tuition for members of the National Guard.

H. In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a student shall be eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth, (ii) he has resided in the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding his enrollment into a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, (iii) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and (iv) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least one year prior to the date of enrollment. Such student shall remain eligible for in-state tuition for as long as he maintains continuous residence in the Commonwealth and retains status under Deferred Action.

The conditions for Deferred Action are:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.