



State Council of
Higher Education for Virginia

SAC MINUTES

Student Advisory Committee Minutes Friday, April 8, 2016 SCHEV Main Conference Room

Members Present: Niyant Jain (Virginia Commonwealth University), Nathan McGlone (University of Virginia's College at Wise), and Matthew Fitzpatrick (Old Dominion University).

SCHEV Staff Present: Paula Fisher, Kathy Robinson, Greg Weatherford, Rachel Gable, Reshaud Rich

Guest Present: Ashley Meyers (University of Virginia), Jared Calfee (Virginia21).

- Paula Fisher (SCHEV) brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- Paula Fisher asked for introductions and campus concerns from each student.
- Nathan McGlone (University of Virginia's College at Wise) concerns: funding, affordability and healthy food.
- Niyant Jain (Virginia Commonwealth University) concerns: health food choices, student health insurance, financial aid esp. for graduate students and student safety.
- Matthew Fitzpatrick (Old Dominion University) concerns: career services, opportunities for internship, inclusion on campus for off-campus students, more administrative engagement in University expressions of inclusion.
- Legislative Update and Announcements by Jered Calfee, Virginia21 Executive Director. A handout with all of the updates will be made available to all SAC students by Paula Fisher, as requested by student attendees.
- Paula Fisher led a group exercise to introduce the Question and Answer session on Communication: brainstorm and write words and/or phrases that described "what student success looks and feels like" and to then create a drawing representing overall theme. Students and SCHEV staff and guests presented their posters. Common themes included employment, skills, graduation and happiness.
- Greg Weatherford facilitated a Question and Answer session with the students on communication and messaging from the Student Perspective, i.e. social media, frequency of communication, motivation.
- Each student shared their reason for attending college and why they made that choice.
- Each student talked about how they receive information internally and externally and what type of social media they use daily.
- Paula Fisher wrapped up the discussion about student success and communication and encouraged students to share their education journey story with others and thanked them for their time and participation.
- The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.