

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2017
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the President's Suite, Frank R. Campbell Stadium, Averett University North Campus, Danville, Virginia. Council members present: Ken Ampy, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, III, Stephen Moret, William Murray, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, and Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: Pamela Moran and Thomas Slater.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Beverly Covington, Joe DeFilippo, Dan Hix, Alan Edwards, Jodi Fisler, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, Lee Ann Rung, and Lynn Seuffert. Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Minor thanked President Franks for hosting the Council meetings as well as the joint meeting with private college presidents.

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Minor reported that no requests for public comment had been received. He invited comments from those in attendance; no one came forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Webb, the minutes from the March 20, 2017, and April 12, 2017, special meeting were approved unanimously.

REMARKS FROM TIFFANY M. FRANKS, PRESIDENT, AVERETT UNIVERSITY

Mr. Minor introduced Dr. Franks and acknowledged her impressive accomplishments at Averett.

Dr. Franks spoke about the Frank R. Campbell stadium in which the meeting was held. The stadium was opened in fall 2016 and was made possible by the Averett Foundation, friends, and alumni. She provided a presentation that included the history of Averett and its mission. Averett's mission since 1859 has been Virginia Baptist faith based. The university has now grown into an organization that has a measurable impact on the region and local economy of Danville. Dr. Franks provided student

demographics, saying that Averett is a comprehensive university educating both undergraduate and graduates, half of traditional age and half adult learners. She spoke of the university's international diversity, including over 300 alumni from Finland. This year's graduating class ages from 18-77. Dr. Franks said she is proud of the fact that 40% of students are the first generation in their families to attend college. Approximately 65% of Averett's adult enrollment is online.

She summarized the Averett experience as "access," saying that students are granted an all-access pass that results in student success and creates lasting relationships. University faculty members hold nothing back to support those who work, study, and grow at Averett. Dr. Franks provided information about the university's recent comprehensive campaign, reporting that it raised more than \$4 million dollars over target. She highlighted some of Averett's signature programs and summarized the Averett 2020 roadmap, which focuses on students in four areas: academic innovation; student success; brand excellence; and strategic growth.

She answered questions from members and expressed thanks to the Council for its work on behalf of higher education in the Commonwealth.

REPORT OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR

Mr. Blake highlighted some of the recent activities from his written report:

GPAC meeting: Council chair Gil Minor and SCHEV staff met with the public college and university presidents (General Professional Advisory Committee) in March. The agenda included discussion with Rosemary Tribble on her Fear 2 Freedom organization for victims of sexual assault.

Board of visitors planning: Staff convened the first meeting of the planning group for the 2017 board of visitors orientation session. Council members Tom Slater and Katie Webb participated in the planning. He encouraged members to provide ideas for the orientation to the Council representatives. The group also includes two university presidents and other institutional representatives. This year's event will be held October 24-25 at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond.

Student Advisory Committee: SCHEV staff convened the final meeting of the 2016-17 Student Advisory Committee. Secretary of Education Dietra Trent and Secretary of the Commonwealth Kelly Thomasson discussed college access and board appointments. Virginia 21 director Jared Calfee shared information on a summer leadership camp.

Presentations of The Virginia Plan for Higher Education: The Virginia Plan and the Council's priority initiatives have been presented to the following groups: the State Board of Education; the State Board for Community Colleges; and the Virginia Business Council. Upcoming appointments have been scheduled with the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce.

GO Virginia and the Virginia Research Investment Committee and Fund. Mr. Blake continues to represent the Council at GO Virginia planning group meetings and chairs the Virginia Research Investment Committee. Work related to VRIC is accelerating as it nears several key decision points by the end of May.

University-based Economic Developers: Virginia Economic Development Partnership President (and Council member) Stephen Moret, Center for Innovative Technology President Ed Albrigo and Council staff Wendy Kang presented to institutional economic development leaders.

Agency audit: SCHEV is in the beginning stages of an audit. The Auditor of Public Account recently developed a new process for auditing agencies that are not required to be under audit every year.

Public Service Week: At the annual staff meeting celebrating public service, Clerk of the House of Delegates G. Paul Nardo spoke about the value of commitment of public service.

Mr. Blake also summarized the meetings he has attended over the last several weeks.

The chairman called for a break at 10:05. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Report from Executive Committee

Mr. Minor informed members that the Executive Committee discussed the timing of the Council's election of officers. Because the Governor has not made his appointments/reappointments for the upcoming year, the Committee decided to postpone the election. A special meeting will be scheduled for June 27 at 1:00 in the SCHEV offices. Members were reminded that a quorum must be physically present before others can join by telephone. Ms. Rung will prepare the public notice for this meeting.

The Executive Committee also discussed the agency director's annual performance evaluation. Mr. Blake presented to the Committee the agency's accomplishments over the last year. Mr. Minor said the Executive Committee agreed that the Director be awarded a 5% bonus. On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Ms. Webb, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the terms of Council's Employment Agreement with the Director, the Director be awarded a performance bonus of 5% to be paid as soon as practicable, based on the Director's performance over the past year.

Report from Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lockhart asked Dr. DeFilippo to review the actions of the Committee.

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

Dr. DeFilippo introduced Mary Gowan and Julie Wallace Carr from James Madison University and provided a brief overview of the program. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Webb and the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to James Madison University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Sport and Recreation Leadership (CIP: 31.0504), effective fall 2017.

Action on Private and Out-of-State Post-secondary (POPE) Institutional Certifications

Dr. DeFilippo reminded members that Council action is required when ownership of an institution changes. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Ridenour and the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies University of Phoenix to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution with branches in Virginia Beach, Arlington, and Richmond in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 16, 2017.

There was some discussion about the for-profit education sector in Virginia. Dr. DeFilippo informed Council that a presentation would be provided at the July meeting regarding the status of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). He agreed to include information on the status of SCHEV's oversight of for-profit institutions. Mr. Lockhart reported that the Committee also reviewed two initiatives from The Virginia Plan.

Report from Resources and Planning Committee

Ms. Connelly reported that the Committee discussed various options presented by staff to increase sustainability and offset declines in state funding. Mr. Blake summarized the options that were presented to the Committee and included on page 49 of the agenda book. Ms. Connelly stressed the importance of keeping costs as low as possible and informed the members that this matter would be further discussed at the July meeting.

Ms. Connelly reported that representatives from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) will present to the Committee in July findings from their study related to the possible expansion of shared services to other public institutions of higher education and receive a briefing by the director of the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)

on the Zepheira/Atlas linked data pilot study--and an estimate of potential institutional savings.

Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Research

Action on Proposed Call for Proposals (Round 1 of the Virginia Research Investment Fund)

Dr. Murray asked Ms. Seuffert to recap the Committee's discussion. She indicated that the Committee tied up loose ends from the last meeting.

The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Webb and the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in fulfillment of its responsibility in § 23.1-3133, approves the Call for Proposals for Round 1 of the Virginia Research Investment Fund grant competition, as presented or amended on May 16, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council delegates to the agency director, who also is chairman of the Virginia Research Investment Committee, authority to approve technical corrections and clarifications to the Call for Proposals throughout the application process.

Dr. Murray thanked the Committee members and staff for their work. Mr. Blake read the following resolution thanking the members of the ad hoc committee. Ms. Connelly moved approval of the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Ridenour and approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 23.1-203.29 of the Code of Virginia, the State Council of Higher Education is charged with a duty to assist the Virginia Research Investment Committee with its administration of the Virginia Research Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 23.1-3133, the Council is charged to establish the guidelines, procedures, and objective criteria for the application for and award of grants and loans from the Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Council bylaws, Chairman Gil Minor established the Ad Hoc Committee on Research in December 2016 to execute the establishment of the Fund guidelines prior to June 30, 2017, and appointed as its members Ken Ampy, Gene Lockhart, Bill Murray and Minnis Ridenour; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out its charge, the Ad Hoc Committee on Research met seven times in six months, including four meetings separate from Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee collaborated with the Virginia Research Investment Committee, with representatives of the public institutions of higher education, with other Council members and with agency staff; and

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of its charge and in a most timely manner, the Committee has produced and approved the Call for Proposals for Round 1 of the Virginia Research Investment Fund grant competition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, that the 2016-17 Ad Hoc Committee for Research is recognized for its outstanding work in completion of its assigned task; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Henry Light also is recognized for his dedication and contributions to the Committee and hereby is named an honorary member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Research; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That Ken Ampy, Gene Lockhart, Bill Murray, Minnis Ridenour and Henry Light are acknowledged for service above and beyond the call of duty in their expeditious, conscientious and thorough fulfillment of their individual and collective responsibilities to and on behalf of the 2016-17 Ad Hoc Committee on Research.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Connelly noted that in recognition of the increasing complexities facing higher education in the Commonwealth, the Council finds that staff development is particularly important. She moved the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Light and approved unanimously (11-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director provide the Council with a staff development progress report at each Council meeting over the next 12 months, beginning at the meeting in July 2017.

ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR DEPARTING COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Fralin reminded members that Mr. Minor will have served two full terms on the Council as of June 30. As this was Mr. Minor's last Council meeting, Mr. Fralin read the following resolution, which was seconded by acclamation and approved unanimously (11-0):

WHEREAS, G. Gilmer Minor III served as a tireless, active, dedicated and hard-working member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia since 2009; and

WHEREAS, he ably led the Council as Chairman from 2014-2017, held the positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary, and served on each of the Council's Committees during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Minor's leadership and personal involvement helped to strengthen the Council's relationships with Virginia colleges and universities, the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, the Department of Education, and others in Virginia higher education; and

WHEREAS, his business acumen and former service as President of the board of Virginia Military Institute served the Council well in making public higher education more accountable to the citizens of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Minor regularly reminded Council members of the importance of addressing the "value proposition" and the "return on investment" within the Commonwealth's esteemed higher education system; and

WHEREAS, his diligent efforts of bringing together multiple constituencies helped formulate and advance The Virginia Plan for Higher Education, which will continue to have a strong and positive impact on future generations in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Minor effectively worked to enhance an already robust and vigorous higher education system and consistently demonstrated his unwavering commitment to the best interest of Virginia's outstanding system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, his good humor, amiable personality, gentlemanly manner, and personal commitment to collaboration has inspired confidence and respect from the institutions and the entire higher education community, and support and gratitude among fellow Council members who have had the privilege of serving with him; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to G. Gilmer Minor III for his distinguished service and commitment to advancing Virginia's system of higher education, and extends to him best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Mr. Fralin concluded by saying that in addition to his leadership in the higher education community, Mr. Minor has gained the respect of the legislature, the business community, and all who have worked with him and consider him to be the ultimate Virginia gentleman. Mr. Fralin stated that Mr. Minor's integrity and ethics are beyond question and noted that he has set a high standard for all to follow.

Mr. Blake presented Mr. Minor with gifts from the Council and staff. He also read a letter of commendation from the Governor, Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, and the president of Radford University. Mr. Blake expressed his thanks to Mr. Minor for his guidance and support during his tenure on the Council. He expressed gratitude for Mr. Minor's regular attendance at SCHEV staff meetings and for his integrity, openness and inclusiveness, his collaborative spirit, and the trust he established among everyone he encountered, which has been an asset to SCHEV.

Mr. Minor thanked his fellow members and encouraged them to continue the good work that the Council has been doing over the last several years. He said he has been fortunate to be surrounded by people who helped him understand that good things happen when people work together as a team. Mr. Minor took no credit for his accomplishments, instead saying he has been smart enough to listen and learn from others. He expressed gratitude for the recognition of his tenure on the Council and said he will continue to do what he can to advance higher education in the Commonwealth.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blake reminded members that the next meeting will be held on July 18 at John Tyler Community College, Midlothian Campus. Members were reminded that this will be a one-day meeting, with committee meetings in the morning. The full Council will meet after lunch. He also reminded members of the special meeting on June 27 to discuss the election of officers.

On a motion by Ms. Connelly, seconded by Dr. Murray, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minnis Ridenour
Council Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

Items Delegated to Director/Staff

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 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
Radford University	Substantial Program Modification Approved: Increase the credit hours and change the name/title of the Master of Science (M.S.) in Corporate and Professional Communication (09.0101) with 30 credit hours to a Master of Science (M.S.) in Strategic Communication (09.0101) with 36 credit hours.	Fall 2017
University of Mary Washington	Simple Program Modification Approved: Increase the credit hours of the Undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (45.0799) from 18 to 19 credit hours.	Fall 2017
Virginia Commonwealth University	Simple Program Modification Approved: Decrease the credit hours of the Master of Interdisciplinary Studies (M.I.S.) degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies (30.9999) from 39 to 36 credit hours.	Fall 2017

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," the following items were reported:

Diploma, Certificate and Discontinued Programs

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Norfolk State University	Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Journalism (09.0401) [Council Approval: May 7, 1974]	Spring 2018
Old Dominion University	Initiate two new Certificate programs [Conferral: Spring 2018] <u>Undergraduate:</u> Entrepreneurship (52.0701) <u>Graduate:</u> Online Teaching for K-12 Teachers (13.9998)	Fall 2017
Radford University	Discontinue the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program in Professional	Summer 2017

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
	Development in Educational Leadership (13.0401)	

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 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
Longwood University	Close the Southside Virginia Education Center , an off-campus instructional site located at 1300 Greensville County Circle Emporia, VA 23847	August 19, 2019
Virginia Commonwealth University	Create the Department of Focused Inquiry . The Department will reside in the University College. The creation of the Department will provide the infrastructure for the management of foundational courses required for the General Education program. The Department will have direct management of its budget, department leadership, faculty, curriculum committees, bylaws, and promotion and tenure policies and procedures.	April 30, 2017

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-213 to 229 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(s)	Effective Date
NOVA Training Center	Centreville, VA	March 7, 2017
Star Beauty School	Winchester, VA	March 27, 2017
The New York Code and Design Academy	Ashburn, VA	March 21, 2017

Approved Changes for Private Institutions

Institution	Description of Change	Effective Date
Virginia Wesleyan College	<u>Name Change:</u> Virginia Wesleyan University	March 21, 2017
Webster University	<u>New Branch Campus:</u> Arlington, VA	March 6, 2017
Nova Southeastern University	<u>New Instructional Site:</u> Tysons Corner, VA	March 29, 2017

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 15, 2017
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. in the Salon E, Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Danville, Virginia. Council members present: Ken Ampy, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, G. Gilmer Minor, William Murray, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour and Katharine Webb. Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Minor and seconded by Ms. Webb, the minutes from the March 21, 2017, meeting were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF NOMINATING PROCESS

Mr. Minor reminded members that the bylaws state that Council elections will be held at the May meeting. However, because the Governor has not made his appointments for the year, Mr. Minor suggested that this item be delayed. He requested input from members on how to proceed.

Mr. Light reported that in his individual conversations with members, he was prepared to propose a slate of officers. However, he agreed that the Council elections should be delayed. **It was the consensus of the group to postpone the Council elections and to schedule a special meeting at the end of June.** Ms. Rung was asked to collect members' availability during the last two weeks of June. The information would be compiled and the results provided at the May 16 Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 11:55 a.m., Mr. Minor asked that Mr. Lockhart read the attached motion which stated that in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), the Executive Committee would convene in closed session for the purpose of addressing personnel matters and the performance evaluation of the Executive Director. The motion stated that Al Wilson, legal counsel to SCHEV, should be present in the closed meeting and that Peter Blake should be present in a portion of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Connelly and approved unanimously (9-0).

The Committee resumed in open session at 2:10 p.m. The attached certification was approved unanimously (10-0), and signed by all members (Dr. Ramsey joined the closed session after it was convened). A copy is attached to these minutes. On a

motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Ms. Webb, the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the terms of Council's Employment Agreement with the Director, the Director be awarded a performance bonus of 5% to be paid as soon as practicable, based on the Director's performance over the past year.

DISCUSSION OF UPDATES TO THE VIRGINIA PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was not addressed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Minnis Ridenour
Council Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MAY 15, 2017
MINUTES**

Mr. Lockhart (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. at the Institute for Advanced Learning (IALR) in Danville, Virginia. Committee members present: Gene Lockhart, Carlyle Ramsey, Heywood Fralin, Ken Ampy, Katherine Webb.

Staff members present: Joe DeFilippo, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, Beverly Covington, Wendy Kang, and Jodi Fislser.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Ampy, and seconded by Ms. Webb, minutes from the March 20, 2017, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

James Madison University, Master of Science (M.S.) in Sport and Recreation Leadership (CIP: 31.0504)

In attendance:

Dean Mary Gowan, Dean of College of Business

Dr. A.J. Morey, Associate Vice Provost for Cross Disciplinary Studies

Dr. Julia Wallace Carr, Associate Professor of Sport & Recreation Management

Dr. DeFilippo provided an overview of the proposed program. He said that it has a concentration that is the only program of its kind in the country and is well aligned with current employment demands and job opportunities. ODU and VSU have programs in the broad area, but the program is not specifically duplicative. The program will not involve new investment as it is being elevated to program status from a major within the kinesiology program.

On motion by Mr. Ampy 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 James Madison University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Sport and Recreation Leadership (CIP: 31.0504), effective Fall 2017.

ACTION ON PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE POSTSECONDARY (POPE) INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Dr. DeFilippo provided an overview of the proposed certification of University of Phoenix to operate three campuses in Virginia. The institution is owned by Apollo Education Group, Inc., which was purchased by AP VII Queso Holdings, L.P., earlier this year. Pursuant to Virginia Code, the certification to operate does not transfer upon an ownership change, so the new owner must re-apply. The new certification will not alter the institution's locations or program mix in Virginia. Committee members discussed what would happen if the school wished to add locations and whether the officers will remain the same as before the sale.

On motion by Mr. Ampy 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 University of Phoenix to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution with branches in Virginia Beach, Arlington, and Richmond in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 16, 2017.

Update on Pathways Initiative 1 – Wendy Kang presented updates regarding the High School to Postsecondary Transitions Task Force and a grant submission to the Jameel – Poverty Action Lab North America at MIT to study low cost college preparation interventions. SCHEV will utilize grant funding to develop a student and parent focused website for use in high schools along with informational videos.

Update on Quality Initiative 4 – Dr. DeFillippo presented updates, including the preparation of a sample report on wage and debt outcomes which was requested by Council at the April meeting. There was discussion about providing a clear message regarding the report and to what extent the study would be correlated to specific jobs. Dr. Jodi Fisler provided updates regarding the upcoming meeting on civic engagement and the progress on development of the assessment policy. Discussion took place regarding the metric/rubric that would apply to civic engagement within the assessment policy. Dr. Fisler said that the competencies lend themselves to different assessment methods and the policy will allow the institutions to choose an appropriate measure.

Ms. Webb asked for written follow-up on the ODU proposal from last meeting. Dr. DeFilippo said staff is working with the institution and expects to bring it back in July.

REPORT OF THE STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE

Dr. DeFilippo referred members to page 42 of the agenda for the liaison report. He specifically highlighted the item congratulating Sylvia Rosa-Casanova for completing a two-year term as the president of The National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lockhart adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Gene Lockhart
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Beverly Covington
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MAY 15, 2017
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. in Salon E, Institute of Advanced Learning and Research, Danville, Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Henry Light, William Murray and Minnis Ridenour. Chairman G. Gilmer Minor also was present.

Committee members absent: Stephen Moret and Thomas Slater.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Tod Massa and Lee Ann Rung.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Dr. Murray the minutes from the March 20, 2017, meeting were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF UPDATES TO THE VIRGINIA PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Ms. Connelly requested staff input on the sustainable funding initiative as discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Blake recounted that at the April 12 special meeting members were presented with a list of initiatives from other states, along with their national rankings on General Fund support per student. Staff is currently looking at targeted funding options for institutions by sector. Mr. Blake reviewed the options offered for consideration that were listed in the agenda book and requested feedback from members.

Mr. Ridenour suggested that the items be considered under the umbrella of expanding restructuring. He also said consideration should be made for institutions who wish not to participate in whichever option is chosen. With regard to shared services, Mr. Ridenour indicated that he requested information from Virginia Tech and will bring the results to the July meeting.

Ms. Connelly suggested a "straw man" approach that could provide an example of what the results might look like.

The July Committee meeting will include further discussion of shared services and efficiencies. Representatives from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and their Shared Services Center (SSC) will present findings from their study related to the possible expansion of shared services to other public institutions of higher education and the Director of the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) will present findings from the pilot study focused on converting library catalog records into linked data

records that would enable them to be sought and found on the internet through common search engines—thus expanding student access.

Mr. Minor suggested that the private colleges also may have experiences related to shared services that might be worth considering.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs