

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 7, 2007
MINUTES**

Mr. Clement called the meeting to order 1:05 p.m. in the L. Douglas Wilder Library, Virginia Union University, Richmond Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Susan Magill, Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Dan LaVista, Kirsten Nelson and Lee Ann Rung.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Dragas and seconded by Ms. Milliken, the minutes from the March 12, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mr. Clement thanked the members and Mr. Wurtzel for the input that each contributed to the plan. He said the Advisory Committee identified the important issues that need to be addressed within the next six years.

Mr. Clement reminded the Committee that if consensus could be reached today, the plan will be forwarded to the Council for final approval at the May 8th meeting. This timetable will allow the institutions to incorporate the major components of the strategic plan into the six-year plans that they are required to submit as part of the Restructuring Act.

Dr. LaVista distributed information related to Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission (VRTAC) that addresses an issue brought to his attention by Ms. Dragas and Dr. Runte. He also reviewed the recommended changes suggested by Mr. Wurtzel.

Mr. Wurtzel stressed that overcrowding at some community colleges has an impact on students and makes it difficult to remain motivated and to complete courses of study in a reasonable period of time. He felt an amendment should be made that makes this point more explicit. Dr. DeFilippo will draft the amended language.

With regard to research, Dr. LaVista discussed the VRTAC initiative to improve research in Virginia. Modeling and simulation was one of the initiatives mentioned in the VRTAC study. Mr. Hix said that according to Dr. Ariel Gomez, Vice President for Research at the University of Virginia, modeling and simulation is the enabling technology used to do research. Dr. LaVista stressed the symbolic importance of endorsing the Governor's report from VRTAC. Mr. Wurtzel and Ms. Magill both felt that the Council could not provide enough of an expert opinion to override VRTAC's

recommendations. Dr. LaVista also emphasized that the research component of the strategic plan was very much in sync with VRTAC's recommendations. Mr. Clement suggested adding a provision on page 23 that recognizes the many areas of diverse and cutting edge research at Commonwealth universities while still endorsing the VRTAC recommendations. Dr. DeFilippo will draft the amended language.

There was some discussion about where the responsibility lies for ensuring that the items in the plan get accomplished. It was suggested that an amendment be added to page 4 about accountability. Dr. DeFilippo will draft the amended language.

Mr. Clement asked for discussion on what can be done to make the most of the report once it is approved. It was decided that an executive summary version with pictures, etc. be developed for key legislators, P16 Council, community college boards and presidents and others. Dr. LaVista would like to use this shortened version of the plan to distribute to legislators when he visits with them this summer. It was also suggested that updates on the progress of the plan be available on the SCHEV website every two years.

Mr. Wurtzel inquired about the possibility of getting the Governor's endorsement of the plan. Dr. LaVista agreed to discuss it in the education subcommittee he will attend with the Governor next week. Mr. Clement mentioned that the upcoming General Assembly session might be a good time to clean up any archaic language in legislation and look for opportunities to weave in the strategic plan.

Dr. DeFilippo agreed to draft language to address the amendments discussed so that the information could be included when the plan is distributed to the Council for approval at the May 8th meeting.

Mr. Wurtzel thanked Mr. Clement and Dr. LaVista, Dr. DeFilippo and other staff for assembling a terrific advisory committee and for developing a report of which the Council can be proud.

A motion was made and seconded to forward the draft plan to the Council in its current form, including the amendments discussed in this meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Whittington Clement
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2007
MINUTES NO. 76**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Executive Committee to order at 8:00 a.m. in the L. Douglas Wilder Library, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Christine Milliken, Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Jim Alessio, Tom Daley, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Daniel LaVista, Kirsten Nelson, and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. LaVista asked for clarification on the Council's interest in receiving future briefings on nursing and allied health. Ms. Milliken said the Academic Affairs Committee chose three areas that were part of the Restructuring Act to be priority areas that should be explored to see what could be done to make improvements or changes in those areas. The first, which will be discussed in today's Committee of the Whole, is the briefing on engineering. This is a joint Academic Affairs/Resources Committee effort. She indicated that the intent was to have discussions of areas in which SCHEV could have impact. Mr. Wurtzel felt the case should first be made whether or not there are shortages in these areas and to what extent they are short before appropriate strategies for improvement can be addressed. It may require outreach to hospitals and medical facilities. It was suggested that the nursing study that was done a few years ago be updated. Another topic mentioned for future discussion was the relationship between higher education and K12.

Dr. LaVista shared an idea about an expression of sympathy from the Council to Virginia Tech in light of the April 16th tragedy. It was decided that Dr. LaVista and staff should explore the possibility of creating an appropriate and fitting permanent memorial to be presented to Virginia Tech on behalf of the Council. This will be done after consulting with the Governor's office. Mr. Wurtzel asked that a resolution be prepared and read at the Council meeting congratulating and supporting Virginia Tech students and its administration for their strength in handling the tragic events.

Mr. Wurtzel also intends to open the Council meeting with a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives at Virginia Tech.

Mr. Daley brought to the Committee three items over \$10,000 that require Council approval according to the Council policy. The first is for a contract for professional services to hire outside assistance in developing the agency's response to the Agency Risk Management and Internal Control Standards (ARMICS), which is required by the Department of Accounts. The second request is to hire a consultant to update the institutions' enrollment projections. The third request is for construction of fixed walls in the Southeast corner of the 10th floor of the Monroe building to accommodate additional staff. The initial pricing for this project is under \$10,000, but Mr. Daley requested approval from the Council in case the prices change before the project is complete. Mr. Wurtzel requested that the scope of the contract for updating the enrollment forecast be discussed with him prior to sending the Request for Proposal (RFP). Ms. Milliken asked what additional questions, if any, would be asked in the enrollment survey if there was an additional \$5,000 to spend.

Ms. Milliken inquired about the costs associated with the Learning Technology and Assessment Committee (LTAC) conference in November. If the costs will be over \$10,000, she suggested that this item be added to the list of three items above.

The Committee agreed to approve the above expenditures, with the stipulation that Mr. Wurtzel be consulted prior to the RFP being sent out on the enrollment study.

UPDATE ON SCHEV BUDGET

Mr. Daley distributed the FY2007 total appropriation and actual expenditures for the period ended March 31, 2007.

He also reported that the agency received the results of its recent audit. The agency received an unqualified audit from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA). The audit was quite in-depth and staff spent considerable time working with the APA in providing the information required.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2008

Ms. Rung distributed a chart showing which institutions the Council has visited since 1997. The Committee discussed possibilities for meeting sites and it was decided that staff would prepare the item for approval at the July meeting to include travel to Virginia Military Institute and Longwood University. It was suggested that a meeting at a Richmond community college be added to the schedule in 2008, if possible. Ms. Milliken also asked if the Council should consider visiting its counterpart in other states, perhaps North Carolina, to discuss similar systemwide issues. Dr. LaVista

was asked to decide on a community college in Richmond and to explore the possibilities of visiting North Carolina.

The Committee asked that the 2008 schedule that will be prepared for Council approval in July include travel to campuses in March, May, and September, if possible. Ms. Rung was asked to poll members to get attendance for the July meeting and to ask if members prefer to continue to meet on the second Tuesday or if the third Tuesday would be preferable.

Ms. Milliken inquired if a strategic planning retreat is planned for the Council this year. Mr. Wurtzel felt this should be discussed after the Council elections in July.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL SELF-SURVEY RESULTS

Dr. LaVista provided a summary of the Council's self-survey. Members were asked to evaluate the performance of the Council as well as their individual performance. Overall, the results were positive, with a few suggestions for improvement. Staff has begun working with new members to assist in their understanding of budget issues. The survey results also indicated that members should be more involved in the legislative process. Dr. LaVista indicated that once developed, the schedule of staff legislative visits will be sent to all members. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings if they are interested.

Mr. Wurtzel asked staff to assist the Council members in keeping current on important issues by sending a weekly email of 5-10 timely higher education news issues. The Communications/Government Relations staff will handle this item.

There was some discussion about whether or not the self-survey should be repeated next year. Mr. Clement said he found the editorial comments from members to be beneficial. It was agreed that the survey should be continued.

APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2007 AGENDA

The proposed agenda for the July meeting to be held at Norfolk State University was reviewed and discussed. Dr. LaVista suggested that if a Council retreat is to be held it should be scheduled after June 19th because agency senior staff will be attending a planning meeting on that date. It was suggested that the Council planning retreat might be added to the Monday afternoon prior to the September meeting. The meeting could be scheduled from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The following agenda was approved with the understanding that changes could be made by the Executive Director and the Chairman:

Executive Committee

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2007)
3. Liaison Report
4. Update on SCHEV Budget
5. Action on Council Meeting Schedule for 2008
6. Approval of September 11, 2007 Agenda
7. Executive Session

Academic Affairs Committee

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2007)
3. Liaison Report
4. Action on Programs at Public Institutions
5. POPE and Regulatory Activities
6. Update on Assessment Task Force
7. Discussion of Committee Priorities

Resources Committee

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2007)
3. Liaison Report
4. Action on Proposed Changes to Domicile Guidelines
5. Action on Full Cost Report
6. Discussion of Budget/Legislative Initiatives for 2008-10
7. Discussion of Resources Committee Issues/
Agenda for Next Meeting

Committee of the Whole

1. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2007)
2. Briefing on Nursing/Allied Health

Lunch Break

Council Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2007)
3. Remarks by President Meyers
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Delegated Items by Director/Staff
6. Public Comment Period
7. Council Elections
8. Action on Enrollment Projections
9. Action on Faculty Salary Peer Groups
10. Report from Executive Committee
11. Report from Resources Committee
12. Report from Academic Affairs Committee
13. Report from Outreach Committee
14. New Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wurtzel announced that in accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, the Executive Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia would convene in executive session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss personnel and performance matters.

The Executive Committee reconvened from the executive session at 9:15 a.m. A roll call vote was taken on a resolution certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the executive session. The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0 and is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wurtzel suggested that staff prepare a proposal for including a learning technology budget item for the next biennial budget for the Council's consideration in July. The Council would then review the proposal and discuss the mechanics and financial implications of resubmitting such a request.

There was some discussion about a briefing on base adequacy that is scheduled on May 14 with a few Council members and legislative staff. Ms. Hardy indicated that she met with Dr. Trani regarding his concerns about base adequacy. She asked if the Council should meet with presidents to find out their concerns before meeting with legislative staff. Ms. Magill agreed that a meeting should be scheduled and be open to the entire Council. Mr. Dyke suggested that staff redistribute information from the presidents about their base adequacy concerns in order to help frame the issues before deciding if a meeting with the presidents is needed. If it is decided

that a meeting with the presidents is necessary, it will be scheduled sometime during the summer and all Council members will be invited.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Alan L. Wurtzel
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 43
MEETING DATE: May 8, 2007

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 (D) of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby certifies that, to the best of each members' knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

VOTE

YES: 5 (Clement, Dyke, Elrod, Milliken, Wurtzel)

NAYS: 0

Alan L. Wurtzel
Chairman
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2007
MINUTES NO. 37**

Ms. Milliken called the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in the L. Douglas Wilder Library, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA.

Council members present: B.R. (Bob) Ashby, Mimi Elrod, Margaret Lewis, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken (Chair), and Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Joseph DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Daniel LaVista, Maricel Quintana-Baker, Stephen Scott, and Linda Woodley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of March 13, 2007, as submitted.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo reported the following Academic Affairs activities:

Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education (POPE)

The current POPE regulations were instituted in 2004. With approximately two years' experience there are a couple of issues we'd like to bring to Council's attention and address going forward.

Diploma Mills

A diploma mill is generally defined as an organization that awards degrees without requiring its students to meet educational standards for such degrees traditionally approved by reputable institutions. Under current regulations, it's extremely difficult for SCHEV to prohibit a suspected diploma mill from opening up so long as it has submitted the appropriate forms and is financially solvent. They first have to be allowed to open, and then audited after the fact. SCHEV staff proposes to examine the possibility of developing language for the Code of Virginia that will give us grounds to prohibit diploma mills from opening up and operating in Virginia. This topic has been broached with the Career College

Advisory Board and received enthusiastic support. With Council support we would propose forming a committee of proprietary college educators (with an invitation also extended to IPAC members) to assist in the development of revised regulations, to begin in June. Staff anticipates presenting the proposed language at the September 2007 Council meeting, with a possible interim report in July. This effort will be lead by Ms. Linda Woodley, Coordinator, POPE.

Action on the establishment of the Diploma Mill Task Force

In response to several inquiries about the problems associated with diploma mills, Dr. DeFilippo and Ms. Woodley informed members of the current limitations, the auditing process, and a historical perspective denoting the need for a work group to review and address this national issue. Members expressed support and recommended the establishment of the task force, with membership broadened to include a representative of the attorney general's office.

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia form a Task Force to examine diploma mills and propose revisions to the Code of Virginia to prevent them from operating in the Commonwealth.

Council approval of Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education Institutions to operate in Virginia:

As a corollary matter, SCHEV staff is recommending that Council issue an approval for private and out-of-state postsecondary education institutions seeking to operate in Virginia at its regularly scheduled Council meetings, effective with July 2007 meeting. Since the inception of the current POPE regulations, these approvals have been delegated to staff, with an annual report to Council in January of the previous years' approvals. We're not recommending changing the criteria for approval, simply the formality of action by the Council. This will allow Council and the public to be informed more explicitly and regularly of the schools seeking approval to operate in Virginia.

Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC)

The committee met on May 3 and agreed for its first major activity to invite the NCAT Redesign Alliance to hold a regional conference, the first of its kind, in Virginia, possibly in the fall. The general purpose will be to foster statewide and regional discussions and collaboration on how to redesign courses with technological innovations to improve access, quality and cost efficiency. More specifically, the conference would be designed for participating institutional teams to bring innovative projects to work on, and then bring back to campus to implement.

Assessment

The Assessment Task Force met on April 27 without a chair; SCHEV is currently seeking another president to serve as chair. Draft minutes of the meeting are available and committee member Vice Chancellor Monty Sullivan of the community college system will be briefing the Academic affairs committee on the substance of the meeting.

Fall 2007 assessment plans from the four-year institutions and Richard Bland College were due May 1st, and (with the exception of Virginia Tech, which has been granted an extension) the last of them arrived yesterday. Plans will be subject to (1) peer review by other Virginia institutions, (2) review by SCHEV staff, and finally (3) external out of state review. We expect that process to be completed by about the beginning of July.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

George Mason University - Bachelor of Science in Computational and Data Sciences

Ms. Milliken presented the program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Computational and Data Sciences (CIP: 30.0801), effective fall 2007.

George Mason University - Master of Science in Bioinformatics Management

Ms. Milliken presented the program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Bioinformatics Management (CIP: 26.1199), effective fall 2007.

George Mason University - Doctor of Philosophy in Communication

Ms. Milliken presented the program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Communication (CIP: 09.0905), effective fall 2007.

James Madison University - Bachelor of Science in Information Analysis

Ms. Milliken presented the program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it 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 Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Information Analysis (CIP: 30.0601), effective fall 2007.

Virginia Commonwealth University - Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice

Ms. Milliken presented the program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) degree (CIP: 51.1604) effective fall 2007.

ACTION ON VIENNA ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The committee discussed briefly the seven non-compliance items and staff explained the internal process and Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences' response to SCHEV's notification. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia finds Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences to be noncompliant

with the regulations governing certification of certain institutions to confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences must resolve each item of non-compliance and submit the assessed administrative fee of \$7,000 by May 31, 2007. Failure to comply by the stated deadline may result in the revocation and/or suspension of Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences' *Certificate to Operate*.

DISCUSSION OF ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE INTERIM REPORTS

Dr. Monty Sullivan, Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research for the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), reported on the two formal meetings. The task force focused its first meeting on its role, effectiveness and how to provide a resource guide to the colleges and institutions. During the second meeting, the task force reviewed the value-added definition and made recommendations. Dr. Sullivan informed the committee that a follow-up meeting to develop resource plans is scheduled for the end of May. Dr. DeFilippo added that the task force will also focus on the appropriate methodologies for value-added and members are currently working with the Council of Presidents to fill the chair vacancy.

The committee acknowledged and thanked Dr. Sullivan for his efforts.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

Ms. Milliken reminded members that information on engineering, one of three critical shortage areas, will be presented at the Committee of the Whole.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Christine T. Milliken
Chair

Darlene Derricott
Committee Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2007
MINUTES NO. 67**

Mr. Dyke called the Resources Committee to order at 9:40 a.m. in the L. Douglas Wilder Library, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Whitt Clement, Helen Dragas, Jim Dyke, and Eva Hardy. Staff present: Jim Alessio, Lee Andes, Dan Hix, and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Hix discussed the tuition incentive fund and indicated that preliminary information has been received from the institutions. All but four have kept tuition increases to 6% or less. He explained that the four institutions that went over 6% were within the acceptable range given their six-year plan. These institutions were the University of Virginia (UVA), the College of William and Mary (CWM), Longwood University (LU) and Radford University (RU).

ACTION ON REGENT UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PLAN (CSAP)

Mr. Hix discussed the two options available to the Council. Mr. Andes provided further information, saying that the funding for the CSAP program, which is designed to assist students with extreme financial need, combines federal and state dollars. Regent University began undergraduate degree-completion programs in 2000 and now meets all criteria for participation. Because the state allocation has remained unchanged since 1992-93 and new federal funding is unlikely, staff recommended Option 1. Mr. Andes answered questions from members and explained the process for eligibility. Motion was made by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Dragas to approve the request from Regent University and to continue to look at the needs across the system before the next General Assembly session. The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves Regent University to participate in the College Scholarship Assistance Program as of the 2007-08 award year. Funding for the institution will be provided by a pro-rata adjustment of current institutional allocations in order to set aside a total of \$10,000 for the University and raise the minimum institutional allocation to \$10,000.

ACTION ON 2007-08 COMMONWEALTH GRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM (CGEP) OPERATING PLAN

Mr. Hix introduced Dr. James Groves, State Chair of the CGEP program. Dr. Groves introduced the CGEP directors from other institutions that were present (Tom Overby, Sharon Caraballa and Linda Vahala) and provided a presentation of the CGEP operating plan. Laura Fornash from Virginia Tech was in attendance in place of Dr. Glenda Scales. Because CGEP staff was working on the report at the time of the Virginia Tech tragedy, information from Virginia Tech is not included. Ms. Fornash distributed information about the fallen faculty from Virginia Tech, as well as Virginia Tech's data for the CGEP program. Mr. Dyke informed the Committee that the Chairman will be addressing the Virginia Tech tragedy at the full Council meeting.

Dr. Groves indicated that live, digital video conferencing is expensive and they will be looking at other alternatives in the future. He stressed that changing this process will take time. Dr. Groves also informed the Committee that there will be a transition in Lynchburg, as the Site Director will retire in June 2007. He indicated that the CGEP directors are developing a new Memorandum of Understanding with Lynchburg regarding guidance of CGEP activities in that community. Lynchburg operations are supported annually by \$125,000 pass-thru via UVA. Mr. Hix was asked to monitor the situation if a more formal contract is needed.

Dr. Groves answered questions from the members. On motion by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Dragas, the following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2007-08 Commonwealth Graduate Engineering program operating plans and recommends to the Governor that the appropriated funds be released to operate the program.

ACTION ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA VOCATIONAL INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SHIPYARD WORKERS

Mr. Andes informed the Committee that this scholarship program was introduced in 2001 but funding was not available until this biennium. He explained that the scholarship allows more students to take advantage of the training. Students must be employed full time at the shipyard in order to be eligible to enroll in the program,

and must remain at the facility for two years following completion of the program, in order to avoid repaying the loan. SCHEV's role is minimal, as the program is administered primarily by Tidewater Community College. On motion by Ms. Dragas and seconded by Ms. Hardy, the following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed regulations for the Virginia Vocational Incentive Scholarship program for Shipyard Workers subject to the appropriate promulgation process. Any changes pursuant to the process and public comment period will be delegated to the Director for resolution.

DISCUSSION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE ISSUES/AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The Committee will review a list of descriptions for preliminary budget initiatives in July. The Committee will also coordinate the needs of the CGEP program as it continues to review research budget initiatives.

Ms. Hardy inquired about the timeframe for including future discussions that were brought forward at the last meeting. These include a review of the medical school in Roanoke, programs at Hampton Roads, and shortage areas of key professions. Mr. Hix indicated that staff will be working these topics into future agendas and will continue to have discussions with the Committee prior to placing the items on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Jim Dyke
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 8, 2007
MINUTES NO. 2**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Council meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in the L. Douglas Wilder Library, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Whittington Clement, Helen Dragas, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Eva Hardy, Margaret Lewis, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Tom Daley, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Daniel LaVista, Kirsten Nelson, and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Briefing on Restructuring

Mr. Alessio provided a summary of the Restructuring Act and reviewed the institutional benefits available to the institutions. He explained that institutions have submitted their documentation for certification, recommendations for which will be brought to the full Council for approval today.

Joint Academic Affairs/Resources Committee Briefing on Engineering

Dr. Susan Wood and Dr. Rick Clark from the VCCS provided an overview of engineering and engineering technology in Virginia's community colleges and how they are filling a specific need.

James Groves spoke about the CGEP program. Many areas of the state do not have engineering programs in the region.

Mr. Wurtzel felt that international competition and work being done in foreign countries is an important factor that was not mentioned.

Resources Committee Briefing on Capital Outlay (Construction) Cost Overruns

Dr. LaVista said SCHEV has a statutory requirement to evaluate the ability of institutions to provide quality construction projects. At the Council's direction Mr. Daley brought together a panel of experts to discuss the issue of cost overruns,

which have totaled \$500 million since 2004. The panelists were asked to look at the rationale for cost overruns and provide a direction for laying the groundwork for policies or other activities in which the Council will be involved. The following panelists were introduced and each provided input into the problems that have contributed to cost overruns during the last several years from their individual area of expertise:

Bill Echelberger, Legislative Analyst – Senate Finance Committee

Tony Maggio – Legislative Fiscal Analyst – House Appropriations Committee

Michael Maul – Associate Director, Education, Transportation and Public Safety Division, Department of Planning and Budget (DPB)

Rich Sliwoski – Director, Department of General Services

Bob Broyden – Director of Capital Assets and Financial Management, Virginia Tech

Brian Ohlinger – Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, Virginia Commonwealth University

Art McKinney, President, McKinney and Company

Richard Britt, Vice President, Estimating, Kjellstron & Lee

There was some discussion about the inability of the state procurement system to react to changes in the market. For instance, the private sector has the flexibility to change to another product if prices rise too quickly in one area. The state system also does not allow agencies to purchase and store items for more than six months.

There was discussion among the panelists about the need for a less adversarial relationship between the state and the contractors.

It was also mentioned that the state has increasingly larger projects with larger costs associated with them.

It was mentioned that the General Obligation Bond (GOB) projects that went forward with no cost overruns escalated when the project timeline was pushed outward. If it had been done under normal business shortly after the money was appropriated, odds are that some projects would have had much lower cost overruns.

Mr. Maul expressed frustration from DPB's perspective because design-build projects began as fixed-price but with market conditions, contractors informed the state that they either couldn't finish the project or the project would be finished at substandard quality levels. Mr. Ohlinger said VCU seeks additional funding from the General Assembly only as a last resort. A more common practice has been to reduce the scope of the projects to save money. Another practice is to utilize the institution's auxiliary enterprises to cover at least 50% of the cost overruns. Institutions are beginning to look at the lifetime costs of the types of construction used. In the past, buildings were made largely of concrete and lasted for many years. Now institutions are forced to look at how things are built in commercial markets, which call for a lower initial cost but a higher lifetime cost.

It was mentioned that the industry is now beginning to see a stabilization of construction costs. A comfort level is returning to the construction market and prices are becoming more predictable.

The question of how the state can address the cost overruns issue was raised. A suggestion was made that a pool of money be made available once all other avenues have been explored. Once the funds are used up, institutions would need to wait until the following year to request additional funds. Another suggestion was to bring in a construction manager early in the process. While this may not save on initial cost, it would save overall project costs and reduce the number of change orders.

Mr. Echelberger said one problem is the processes in place are not consistently applied.

Mr. Wurtzel asked what can be done to alleviate the problem. Mr. Maggio said the process, even when done perfectly, doesn't always work. We need to realize that there is no "silver bullet," but it comes down to who should pay for the current \$500M in cost overruns.

Mr. Clement said if there is GOB legislation in 2008, that would be a good opportunity for the Executive branch to build in safeguards and a better means of setting of priorities to greatly improve the performance of the capital outlay construction process over the last 6-7 years. Adequate planning before funding is essential.

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Alan Wurtzel
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2007
MINUTES NO. 511**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Council meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the L. Douglas Wilder Library, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Whittington Clement, Helen Dragas, Mimi Elrod, Eva Hardy, Margaret Lewis, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Tom Daley, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Daniel LaVista, Kirsten Nelson, and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, the Executive Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia convened in executive session at 1:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and performance matters.

The Executive Committee reconvened from the executive session at 1:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken on a resolution certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the executive session. The resolution passed by a vote of 9-0 and is attached.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Wurtzel asked everyone to stand and offer a moment of silence in recognition of the tragic events at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as revised. Delegate Nutter's presentation was moved up on the agenda to follow President Anderson's remarks and the Report of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee was incorporated into the Action on the Recommended Strategic Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 13, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as amended. Mr. Wurtzel requested that the word "generate" in the first sentence of the "Whereas"

statement on page C7 be changed to “operate” and that the entire “Whereas” statement be moved to precede the resolution on page C6.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT ANDERSON

Dr. Anderson showed a brief video about Virginia Union University and discussed the university’s rich history. The small, historically black college has done much for the Commonwealth and the city of Richmond, and continues to have a proud heritage and a bright future. She distributed copies of the university’s strategic plan for 2006-2011 and discussed the eight strategic priorities: quality of academic programs; financing and mission of the university; enrollment management; student engagement/empowerment; continuous quality improvement; image enhancement; technology; and civic engagement.

Dr. Anderson informed the Council that the university is in the process of entering into a \$30M capital campaign. This is the first campaign in the university’s history. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to talk about Virginia Union University, and for their support of Virginia higher education. Mr. Wurtzel thanked her for the hospitality shown to the members and for the program that was presented at the dinner on May 7.

DELEGATE NUTTER PRESENTATION

Delegates Nutter and Amundson presented an official proclamation from the General Assembly to Ms. Magill honoring her service to the Commonwealth and to the nation, particularly as Senator Warner’s former chief of staff. Ms. Magill thanked them for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dr. LaVista said his report this month is dedicated to Virginia Tech. He provided background information on the “VT” athletic symbol and its origins.

Dr. LaVista read the following resolution which was unanimously affirmed by acclamation by all members:

WHEREAS, every Virginian, and in fact, every American, has been personally and profoundly impacted by the tragic events of April 16, 2007, at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia - as a gubernatorially-appointed coordinating board, and SCHEV as a government agency of state employees – has been inspired by the strength, the poise, the courage and the perseverance of the Virginia Tech community – particularly its students, faculty and administration; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the staff of the State Council is hereby authorized and directed to develop, in coordination with other efforts that may be in development by the executive branch, a fitting and appropriate permanent memorial tribute to the enduring spirit of the students and faculty lost at Virginia Tech and to the enduring spirit of the Virginia Tech community.

DELEGATED ITEMS BY DIRECTOR/STAFF

Dr. LaVista informed the Council of the following items that were acted on by staff, as delegated by the Council. As required, this information is included as part of these minutes:

- Discontinued programs January 2007 – April 2007
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree programs March-April 2007
- Eminent Scholars Program Allocation Summary for 2007-08
- Institution State License Plate Scholarship Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No requests for public comment were received.

ACTION ON STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Wurtzel thanked Mr. Clement and SCHEV staff for the important work that was done in completing the systemwide strategic plan. He also complimented the valuable leadership efforts of Drs. DeFilippo and LaVista.

Mr. Clement provided background information on the work of the Advisory Committee. He said that plan reflects feedback received from Council members. At its last meeting on May 7, the Steering Committee made further revisions, which were distributed to the Council as amendments and will be incorporated into the report.

Ms. Hardy asked that the Council focus on certain items in the plan each year to keep the plan moving to the next level. She also felt that SCHEV should provide leadership on what the results of the plan should be. Dr. LaVista said staff would set goals for the year ahead and report them to the Council.

It was also agreed to reproduce the plan in a condensed version to distribute to key legislators. Mr. Clement thanked the Steering Committee members who helped in finalizing the report. Based on the revised version and amendments distributed at the meeting, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves Moving Virginia Forward as the Systemwide Strategic Plan in accordance with Section 23-9.6:1 of the Code of Virginia; and further, that the Executive Director is authorized to submit the Strategic Plan to the Governor and General Assembly on behalf of the Council.

ACTION ON CERTIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONS UNDER RESTRUCTURING

Mr. Alessio said as a part of the Restructuring Act, the Council will be required to annually certify that institutions have met their targets. By law, the first certification must be completed by June 1 of this year. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies that each public institution has satisfactorily met the performance standards of the Higher Education Restructuring Act and Appropriations Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia reaffirms its November 13, 2006 resolution that directed the challenges below to Virginia's public institutions for consideration as they review their six-year academic, enrollment, and financial plans and in preparation of the 2008 review of the Institutional Performance Standards:

Christopher Newport University

- Institution should make a more substantial effort to enroll underrepresented students as demonstrated through significantly enhanced targets in 2008.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should undertake significant efforts to increase the graduation rates, as reflected in measure 12, such that a target of ratio of .20 can be established for 2014.
- Institution shall develop K12 partnerships and activities that improve student learning, improve teaching effectiveness, and enhance administrative leadership.

College of William and Mary

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

George Mason University

- Institution should revisit its effort to enroll underrepresented students to ensure its targets track with enrollment projections thus resulting in at least maintaining the percentage of such students enrolled.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should extend itself on its targets for measures 11 and 12 for the 2008 cycle and to improve student retention and completion.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

James Madison University

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Longwood University

- Institution should revisit its effort to enroll underrepresented students to ensure its targets track with enrollment projections thus resulting in at least maintaining the percentage of such students enrolled.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Norfolk State University

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should develop programs and/or approaches to increasing student retention to reach a target of 81% by 2014.

Old Dominion University

- Institution should revisit its effort to enroll underrepresented students to ensure its targets track with enrollment projections thus resulting in at least maintaining the percentage of such students enrolled.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.

- Institution should develop programs and/or approaches to increasing student retention to reach a target of 81% by 2014.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Radford University

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

University of Mary Washington

- Institution should revisit its effort to enroll underrepresented students to ensure its targets track with enrollment projections thus resulting in at least maintaining the percentage of such students enrolled.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

University of Virginia

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

University of Virginia's College at Wise

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Virginia Commonwealth University

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should develop programs and/or approaches to increasing degree awards per FTE faculty with a goal of reaching 2.8 by 2014.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Virginia Military Institute

- Institution should revisit its effort to enroll underrepresented students to ensure its targets track with enrollment projections thus resulting in at least maintaining the percentage of such students enrolled.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should develop an appropriate partnership with the city of Lexington to improve economic development.
- Institution should pursue additional efforts to participate in the improvement of the teaching of math and science in secondary schools.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Virginia State University

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should develop an appropriate partnership with the city of Petersburg to improve economic development.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Virginia Tech

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.

- Institution should commit to exploring opportunities for increasing the production of graduates in high-need areas, specifically engineering.

Richard Bland College

- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- Institution should commit to developing the capability to establish a 70% retention rate as a target for 2014.
- Institution should develop an appropriate partnership with the city of Petersburg to improve economic development.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

Virginia Community College System

- VCCS leadership shall plan on submitting projections of future enrollment to the Council beyond the current demand methodology during Spring 2007 as part of the biennial enrollment projection process.
- Institution should commit to objectively demonstrating student learning achievement outcomes in 2008 and beyond.
- VCCS leadership shall plan on submitting projections of future degree awards to the Council beyond the current demand methodology during Spring 2007 as part of the biennial enrollment projection process.
- While the Council recognizes the challenges faced by the institutions from enrollment growth and severe budget cuts in previous years, the Council challenges the institution to find ways to increase the productivity of its faculty as expressed in terms of degrees conferred per full-time instructional faculty.

SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Mr. Wurtzel said his term as chairman ends with this meeting, as his appointment expires on June 30, 2007. He appointed a nominating committee to bring forward nominations for the position of Council Chairman and Vice Chairman at the July meeting. Ms. Lewis will chair the nominating committee. Ms. Dragas and Dr. Ashby will also participate in the nominating committee.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wurtzel said the Executive Committee heard a report from Mr. Daley on the agency budget. The Committee also approved three additional expenditures over \$10,000 for the agency. The Committee received a report that the agency received an unqualified audit from the Auditor of Public Accounts, and staff was congratulated.

The Executive Committee discussed the Council meeting schedule for 2008. Staff was asked to poll members for preferences on meeting the second or third Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and October. The Committee suggests visiting the campuses of Virginia Military Institute and Longwood University as well as a community college in the Richmond area.

The Council's self-survey results about how members feel the Council is performing were shared with the Committee. Suggestions included asking staff to provide weekly email updates to the members on higher education issues of importance in the nation and in Virginia.

The Executive Committee met briefly in executive session. For logistical reasons the Committee postponed the evaluation of the Executive Director to July.

REPORT FROM RESOURCES COMMITTEE

In Mr. Dyke's absence, Mr. Clement provided the Resources Committee report.

He informed the members about Regent University's request to participate in the College Scholarship Assistance Program (CSAP). The following motion was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves Regent University to participate in the College Scholarship Assistance Program as of the 2007-08 award year. Funding for the institution will be provided by a pro-rata adjustment of current institutional allocations in order to set aside a total of \$10,000 for the University and raise the minimum institutional allocation to \$10,000.

Mr. Clement also said the Committee heard a presentation from James Groves about the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program (CGEP) on their annual operating plan, which SCHEV is required to approve. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2007-08 Commonwealth Graduate Engineering program operating plans and recommends to the Governor that the appropriated funds be released to operate the program.

The Resources Committee also received a proposal to adopt the resolution that would approve the proposed regulations for the Virginia Vocational Incentive Scholarship Program for Shipyard Workers. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed regulations for the Virginia Vocational Incentive Scholarship Program for Shipyard Workers subject to the appropriate promulgation process. Any changes pursuant to the process and public comment period will be delegated to the Director for resolution.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

Ms. Milliken presented the following resolutions from the Academic Affairs Committee and they were unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Computational and Data Sciences (CIP: 30.0801), effective fall 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Bioinformatics Management (CIP: 26.1199), effective fall 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Communication (CIP: 09.0905), effective fall 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to James Madison University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Information Analysis (CIP: 30.0601), effective fall 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) degree (CIP: 51.1604) effective fall 2007.

Action on Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Milliken informed the Council that SCHEV staff conducted an audit of Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences and found seven areas of non-compliance and one item of concern. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia finds Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences to be noncompliant with the regulations governing certification of certain institutions to confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences must resolve each item of non-compliance and submit the assessed administrative fee of \$7,000 by May 31, 2007. Failure to comply by the stated deadline may result in the revocation and/or suspension of Vienna Academy of Arts and Sciences' *Certificate to Operate*.

Ms. Milliken informed the Council that the Academic Affairs Committee heard a request from SCHEV staff proposing to examine the possibility of developing language for the Code of Virginia that will give the agency grounds to prohibit diploma mills from opening up and operating in Virginia. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia form a Task Force to examine diploma mills and propose revisions to the Code of Virginia to prevent them from operating in the Commonwealth.

REPORT FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In lieu of an Outreach Committee meeting, Dr. Elrod provided a brief report on the Outstanding Faculty Awards. Letters have been sent to the institutions informing them of the process and deadlines. Dr. Elrod encouraged Council members to participate in reading the submissions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wurtzel informed the Council that a very interesting Private College Advisory Board meeting was held on May 7. The topic of discussion was what the state might do in addition to the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) to encourage Virginia students to attend private colleges in the Commonwealth to help alleviate the strain on public institutions. It was agreed that a joint task force be formed to include 3-4 members of private institutions and 3-4 SCHEV members to explore the possibility of contract arrangements with colleges who commit to take a certain number of Virginia students in exchange for assistance with capital spending. The task force will also look at what other states have done in this regard. Mr. Clement, Ms. Hardy, and Mr. Dyke will serve as Council representatives to this committee.

Mr. Wurtzel said this is his last meeting as Chairman of the Council. He thanked the members and staff for the opportunity he has been given to serve the

Commonwealth as a member and as Chairman of SCHEV. He felt the Governor has done a wonderful job of staffing the Council, which he considers to be very strong, engaged and knowledgeable. In addition to learning a lot and making many friends, Mr. Wurtzel felt the Council has accomplished quite a bit together over the last three years. Mr. Wurtzel felt Dr. LaVista has set a new course to restore the credibility of SCHEV, and said he is respected by presidents and legislators. He gave credit to the entire Council and to Dr. LaVista and thanked the staff for their help and effectiveness.

Mr. Clement said all of the accomplishments of the Council over the last few years have included Mr. Wurtzel's input and direction. He expressed his gratitude for the time, dedication, and total commitment that Mr. Wurtzel has given to higher education. Mr. Clement expressed his hopes that Mr. Wurtzel will return to the Council. If the Governor has other plans for him, the Council will have an appropriate resolution presented to Mr. Wurtzel at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Alan L. Wurtzel
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 44
MEETING DATE: May 8, 2007

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 (D) of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby certifies that, to the best of each members' knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

VOTE

YES: 9 (Ashby, Clement, Dragas, Elrod, Hardy, Lewis, Magill, Milliken, Wurtzel)

NAYS: 0

Alan L. Wurtzel
Chairman
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

**Items Delegated to Director/Staff
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Pursuant to the Council's action on March 20, 2002, the following items were reported:

Discontinued Programs
Virginia Community College System (VCCS)
January – April 2007

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	A.A.S. in Administrative Support Technology (CIP: 52.0401)
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	A.A.S. in Management (CIP: 52.0101)
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	A.A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant (CIP: 51.0803)
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	A.A.S. in Microchip Fabrication Technology (CIP: 15.0399)
Northern Virginia Community College	A.A.S. in Human Services (CIP: 51.1599)
Northern Virginia Community College	A.A.S. in Substance Abuse Rehabilitation (CIP: 51.1599)
Piedmont Virginia Community College	A.A.S. Administrative Support Technology (CIP: 52.0401)
Virginia Western Community College	A.A.S. in Radio and TV Production (CIP: 10.0104)

Pursuant to the Council's action on September 12, 2006, the following item was approved as delegated to staff:

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)
Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree program
March-April 2007

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Eastern Shore Community College	A.A.S. in Early Childhood Development (CIP: 13.1099)	Fall 2007

Eminent Scholars Program

The General Assembly established the Eminent Scholars program in 1964. Under this program, faculty may receive special salary supplements funded from endowment income and matching general fund appropriations. The supplements are intended to be incremental to the regular annual salary of the faculty member and are not to be used in lieu of base salaries.

Since no additional funds were appropriated in the 2007 session, the Council staff has proposed no changes in the institutional allocations for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The total allocation will once again be \$6,277,568.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Eminent Scholars Program						
Institutions	2006-07 Allocation			2007-08 Allocation		
	2006-07 Request	2006-07 Allocation	2006-07 Allocation As Percent Of Request	2007-08 Request	2007-08 Allocation	2007-08 Allocation As Percent Of Request
Christopher Newport University	\$15,000	\$3,480	23%	\$20,000	\$3,480	17%
College of William and Mary	\$2,759,000	\$1,324,930	48%	\$3,048,572	\$1,324,930	43%
George Mason University	\$1,400,000	\$539,806	39%	\$1,387,980	\$539,806	39%
James Madison University	\$112,100	\$30,864	28%	\$77,350	\$30,864	40%
Longwood University	\$42,145	\$8,295	20%	\$43,830	\$8,295	19%
Norfolk State University	\$65,100	\$29,989	46%	\$31,189	\$29,989	96%
Old Dominion University	\$481,233	\$285,474	59%	\$424,244	\$285,474	67%
Radford University	\$44,585	\$44,565	100%	\$44,585	\$44,565	100%
University of Mary Washington	\$56,333	\$56,333	100%	\$56,333	\$56,333	100%
University of Virginia	\$16,048,277	\$2,933,590	18%	\$17,928,017	\$2,933,590	16%
University of Virginia at Wise	\$2,282	\$2,282	100%	\$2,282	\$2,282	100%
VA Commonwealth University	\$1,278,000	\$361,243	28%	\$1,393,057	\$361,243	26%
Virginia Military Institute	\$96,000	\$19,118	20%	\$100,000	\$19,118	19%
Virginia State University	\$87,832	\$31,847	36%	\$52,598	\$31,847	61%
Virginia Tech	\$2,097,470	\$601,854	29%	\$2,178,551	\$601,854	28%
VCCS	\$29,000	\$3,898	13%	\$52,875	\$3,898	7%
Total	\$24,614,357	\$6,277,568	26%	\$26,841,463	\$6,277,568	23%

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Approval of Institution State License Plate Scholarship Plan

As authorized by the Code of Virginia, § 46.2-749, state license plates may bear the seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of an institution. Proceeds from sales of these license plates are then used by the institution for scholarships under a plan approved by SCHEV. In 2006-07, Lord Fairfax Community College, National College, and George Mason University each submitted such scholarship plans.

These plans met the requirements of the Code of Virginia and, accordingly, SCHEV staff has approved the plans.