

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005  
MINUTES**

Mr. Wurtzel called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Daniel Abramson, Whittington Clement, Jean Cunningham, Mimi Elrod, Eva Hardy, Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Nancy Cooley, Tom Daley, Dan Hix, Dan LaVista, Tod Massa, Lee Ann Rung, and Elizabeth Wallace. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

**ACTION ON ASSESSMENTS FOR INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE**

This special meeting has been called in order to get Council's final approval of the document and meet the October 1 deadline.

Dr. LaVista provided background on the work that has been done to date on the Assessments for Institutional Performance. The document provided at the meeting was a draft that included the input received to date.

Mr. Wurtzel announced that due to the fact that Council members had not had a chance to review the document in advance of the meeting, the meeting would be a work session to discuss each item and allow members to ask questions.

Dr. LaVista reviewed each item and provided input that staff received from the presidents and others. He reviewed the wording as of 9/28, the staff recommendations and the rationale/considerations that were part of the document that was distributed.

Dr. LaVista thanked Dr. Thomas Elliott from the Department of Education for his input on Goal 9 as it relates to enhancing K-12 education. Mr. Massa also provided input and said that Dr. Elliott explained that one of the measurements in the new regulations that has been adopted by the Department of Education for approving teacher education programs is very similar to this one.

Goal 1: There was some discussion of race/ethnicity. The Council decided to change Goal 1.A by changing *consideration of income* to **low** income. Also, race/ethnicity should be changed to race **and** ethnicity. Goal 1.C will also be changed to add the words **on an annual basis** after Institution.

Goal 2: Mr. Wurtzel suggested reversing the order of 2.C, B and A. On item 2.D the first sentence should read, "Institution conducts a biennial assessment of ***the likely*** impact..."

Goal 3: No changes.

Goal 4: Change wording of 4.C as stated under Staff Recommendation.

Goal 5: There was some discussion about full-time, part-time and transfer students. Mr. Massa said there is no accepted way to capture information other than by freshman year. It was mentioned that institutions with a large part-time student population should not be penalized. Because this is a complicated issue Mr. Wurtzel suggested that it would be helpful to have a discussion of the details at the next meeting, and asked that staff provide a matrix of what schools report and how we look at it. There was some discussion of 5.C. and it was agreed to leave it out for now, with the proviso that it can be revisited at a later date.

Goal 6: Dr. Peterson from VCCS was invited to speak about the articulation agreements. VCCS would like the Council to consider the language of the Staff Recommendation that deletes the words "at least one" articulation agreement because several institutions are doing much more and the language should not discourage the good work being done in this area. It was decided to change the wording of Item 6A-4 to make it a complete sentence and include language about making acceptable progress toward an agreed upon measure.

Goal 7: It was noted that the new language in Item 7.A and 7.B is much improved and the Council agreed with the Staff Recommendations.

Goal 8: No changes.

Goal 9: Mr. Wurtzel indicated that teacher training for shortage areas, in particular math and science, is not included. Council had no changes to the Staff Recommendations.

On motion by Ms. Elrod and seconded by Ms. Cunningham, the following motion was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby adopts the Assessments for Institutional Performance for consideration by the Governor and the General Assembly.**

**ACTION ON GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE**

Dr. LaVista discussed the Guidelines for Assessments of Institutional Performance and requested Council input. It was decided to add the total number of targets in the criteria for clarification. Item number 2 should read "Successful demonstration of continuing progress toward established targets on 15 **out of 18** measures for two-year and non-research institutions and 17 **out of 20** for research institutions." On motion by Ms. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Hardy, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby adopts the Guidelines for Assessments of Institutional Performance with the changes as noted in the meeting.**

### **ACTION ON EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

Dr. Cooley informed members that Council action is sought to authorize staff to seek renewal of the current Emergency Regulations (8 VAC 40-31 et. Seq.), pertaining to the certification of private and out-of-state postsecondary schools, that will expire on November 7, 2005. The extension would allow the emergency regulations that were previously approved by Council to stay in effect until the permanent regulations are in place. On motion by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Cunningham, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia authorizes its staff to seek extension of the expiration date of the current Emergency Regulations 8 VAC 40-31 et. Seq., pertaining to the certification of private and out-of-state postsecondary schools, beyond November 7, 2005. The Council also delegates to its Executive Director the authority to make revisions to the proposed Permanent Regulations during the review process required by the Administrative Process Act.**

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

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Alan Wurtzel  
Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary