

STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
Restructuring Subcommittee
MINUTES

April 21, 2010

Mr. Bland called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N 14th Street, 9th floor, Richmond, Virginia.

Subcommittee members present: Gilbert Bland, G. Gilmer Minor, Katharine Webb. Susan Magill participated by phone.

SCHEV Staff present: Jim Alessio, Dan Hix, Dan LaVista, Marina Moschos, Kirsten Nelson, Lee Ann Rung, and Diane Vermaaten.

Also present was Mr. John Ringer from the Department of Planning and Budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Minor and seconded by Ms. Webb to approve the revised minutes from the March 3, 2010 meeting that were distributed. Mr. Alessio highlighted the changes that were made to the section of the minutes related to James Madison University.

REVIEW OF “WHAT VIRGINIA IS GETTING FROM THE RESTRUCTURING OF HIGHER EDUCATION”

Mr. Alessio reminded the members that at the last meeting, staff was asked to reduce the size of the report into a more manageable size. As a result, Ms. Nelson was able to reduce the report down to a three- page summary. Copies of the summary were distributed. Ms. Nelson indicated that in summarizing the document, she concentrated on the positive messages and made certain that each institution was recognized.

Ms. Magill suggested that the number of transfer students since the Restructuring process began be included to reflect any positive changes that have occurred. Mr. Alessio agreed to provide this information.

Ms. Webb indicated that legislators need to understand what SCHEV does in terms of Restructuring to show the accomplishments that have been made. She felt the document that was distributed was a great start, but suggested that a bullet format be used. It was also suggested that the revised information be included on the SCHEV website and be made available when staff or Council members visit with legislators. While it was decided not to include this information in the document, it was suggested that when visiting with legislators, there should be mention of the positive gains for the

institutions as a result of Restructuring. Mr. Minor suggested that a short, one sentence statement be included for readers who have no knowledge of Restructuring. Ms. Nelson will develop a one sentence statement and add bullets to illustrate the Restructuring activities that have occurred over the last five years. The target date for completion is prior to the higher education commission meetings.

REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONS NOT MEETING EDUCATION-RELATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Alessio provided an update on James Madison University, Longwood University, Richard Bland College, and Virginia State University since the last meeting.

Mr. Bland was asked to meet with Dr. Rose from JMU to ask him to withdraw his request for an exemption. The members asked that the chair work with staff to determine what should be included in the May agenda book as well as the appropriate wording in this matter.

John Ringer, Associate Manager of Best Practices at the Department of Planning and Budget was introduced. Mr. Alessio reminded the subcommittee that up until now the subcommittee has dealt with the educational measures within its purview. However, there are also administrative and financial measures that are evaluated by the Secretaries of Finance, Administration, and Technology. Because this is a new role for the new Secretaries (with the exception of Ric Brown), Mr. Alessio felt it was appropriate to discuss possible scenarios that could occur if an institution does not pass the administrative and financial measures.

Mr. Ringer explained the weighting process used by the Secretaries of Finance, Administration, and Technology when determining if the institutions have met the measures. His role is to work with agencies and institutions to gather information on the measures.

It was mentioned that the financial and administrative data is year-to-date but SCHEV's data is for the prior year. Mr. Alessio reminded members that the institutional management agreements are negotiated between the institution and the Governor. The Secretary of Education was briefed on the fact that some institutional management agreements will expire in 2012.

Mr. Ringer was thanked for his work and for sharing the information with the members. He was hopeful that his report would be sent to SCHEV staff next week. Once staff receives the report it will be shared with the subcommittee members.

Mr. Alessio provided a timetable for upcoming events related to Restructuring. He indicated that a subcommittee meeting should be scheduled in late August to present the targets and thresholds for review. Reports from UVA-Wise and RBC could also be discussed after meetings with those institutions are held. An additional meeting would

be needed in late September before sending final recommendations to the Council in October. Mr. Bland asked if the subcommittee should think about how the Grow By Degrees initiative will impact enrollment projections.

The members mentioned that Tod Massa's contributions to the subcommittee discussions were missed and the members wish him well in his recovery.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Gilbert T. Bland
Subcommittee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Manager for Executive & Council Affairs