Council Members Present: Gilbert Bland, Chair, G. Gilmer Minor, Katharine Webb, Alan Wurtzel, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken

Institutional Representatives Present: Eddie Moore, President, Virginia State University (VSU); Karen Petersen, Executive Vice Chancellor, Virginia Community College System (VCCS); Brenda Atkins, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Longwood University (LU)

SCHEV Staff Present: James Alessio; Daniel LaVista; Tod Massa; Alan Edwards

Mr. Bland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Alessio started the meeting with a presentation from Brenda Atkins on the Longwood University Level II Proposed Education-Related Performance Measures.

Ms. Atkins stated that Longwood University would like to initiate a Bachelor of General Studies at Fort Lee, VA, in the Fall of 2010. The students must have at lease 90 hours of credit before enrolling into the program. She also stated this is the 1st for this program.

Mr. Wurtzel indicated that he saw no reason to have a separate target for approximately 200 students.

Mr. G. Gilmer Minor supported the Fort Lee initiative and requested a vote.

Longwood University proposed a second measure to decrease the percentage of students receiving D, F, or W grades in mathematics 171 (Basic Statistics) and mathematics 261 (Calculus I).

Mr. Wurtzel expressed concern with that the targets did not seem show significant improvement.

It was decided that more information was needed. Jim Alessio will work with Longwood to revise the education-related measures by the January 11th meeting.

Karen Petersen spoke on behalf of the Council of Presidents. She stated they were hoping for certification of all institutions. She also asked that Council approve financial incentives for all institutions including those that may not be certified during these financial troubling times.

Dr. LaVista stated that SCHEV is not responsible for funding. SCHEV certifies, but the Governor and General Assembly make the final decision on financial incentives.
Mr. Wurtzel felt there should be some penalty. Mr. Moore feels not being certified is the penalty in itself.

Ms. Magill stated perhaps we can make recommendations to the governor.

Mr. Moore stated that the financial loss is their concern during this tight financial time.

Dr. LaVista asked Mr. Moore and Ms. Petersen to take back the message that we are listening and we want to know what we can do to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Gilbert Bland, Subcommittee Chair

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Kathy Robinson, Communication Assist.