

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING (VIRTUAL)
MAY 19, 2020
DRAFT MINUTES**

Mr. Fralin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Council members present: Ken Ampy, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Victoria Harker, Thaddeus Holloman, Henry Light, William Murray, Marianne Radcliff, Carlyle Ramsey, Tom Slater and Katharine Webb.

Council member absent: Rosa Atkins, Stephen Moret.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Lee Ann Rung, Emily Salmon and Kristin Whelan.

Deb Love from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

Mr. Fralin explained that due to a change in legislation during the pandemic, the Council is now able to conduct its business remotely without a quorum assembled in person. As Council chair, Mr. Fralin has the authority to suspend committee meetings. As a result, all actions taken at this meeting will be taken by the entire body. He also noted that the meeting was being recorded as required by 2020 Acts of Assembly, Chapter 1283, item 4.0.01.g. A copy of the recording will be posted on the SCHEV website. He moved the nominating process report to end of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Dr. Murray, the minutes of the January 7, 2020, Academic Affairs Committee, Resources and Planning Committee and Council meeting as well as the April 23, 2020, Council meeting, were approved unanimously (11-0) in block after a roll call vote.

REMARKS FROM NEAL KASSELL, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, FOCUSED ULTRASOUND FOUNDATION

Mr. Fralin introduced Dr. Kassell and Mr. Blake read his bio, which was included in the agenda materials. Dr. Kassell provided a presentation that staff will post on the SCHEV website. Focused ultrasound is an early stage, non-invasive therapeutic technology that can be performed on an outpatient basis with no incision, less pain, and decreased complications at a lower cost. He showed examples of how the treatment has improved the lives of some patients. Dr. Kassel explained that moving any new disruptive therapeutic technology to widespread use requires a process that often takes decades. The Focused Ultrasound Foundation, recognized as one of top 10 research organizations in America, is inventing ways to overcome impediments in the process. Its major objective is to organize, conduct and fund research, with a focus on the brain, Alzheimers, Parkinsons, cancer and immunotherapy pancreatic cancer. The Foundation also is working with Virginia Tech's Department of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Kassell's group hosts the largest and most important meeting of focused ultrasound in Washington, D.C. every two years. He noted that this year's meeting will likely be held online. The University of Virginia is the leading site for focused ultrasound in cancer

and cancer immunotherapy, with state support. He answered questions from members. Mr. Fralin noted that President Steger, former President of Virginia Tech, was serving on the Foundation board at time of his death.

RECEIPT OF STAFF REPORTS

Report from agency director

Mr. Blake highlighted some items from the written report in the agenda book.

Outstanding Faculty Awards: On March 9, the State Council of Higher Education and Dominion Energy hosted the 2020 Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel. Each of the 12 recipients received a \$7,500 award. This year's program featured perspectives from Governor Northam and from Jill Mitchell, one of last year's recipients. Council members Heywood Fralin, Marge Connelly, Henry Light and Bill Murray attended.

General Professional Advisory Committee: The committee of public college presidents and SCHEV staff last met in person on January 27. Since the advent of the Governor's Executive Orders SCHEV has participated in regular conference calls with presidents.

Tech Talent Incentive Program: In November, Governor Northam announced that he and 11 university presidents had signed agreements to provide computer science and related educational programming to at least 30,000 students over the next 20 years. While the Governor and the General Assembly froze most new funding for the biennium, they preserved the funding for the Tech Talent Incentive Program.

Student Advisory Committee (SAC): SAC members served as panel guests at SCHEV's first virtual SCHEV Talk in April: COVID-19 from a Student's Perspective.

Secretary's task force on COVID-19-related issues: The group has met twice. Council member Marianne Radcliff also is participating.

Medical Reserve Corps: On April 10, Governor Northam issued a call for students enrolled at Virginia institutions to volunteer for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), which is a stand-by force of individuals ready to support the community in the event of public health emergencies like COVID-19. Prior to the Governor's challenge, SCHEV partnered with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to substantially revise the MRC volunteer database to ensure its readiness for the influx of student volunteers and to ensure that data on the numbers and types of student volunteers could be tracked and reported. Several agency staff worked many hours to standardize the student-volunteer information in the MRC database and then to validate enrollment against SCHEV records. He commended Lynn Seuffert, Emily Salmon, Tod Massa and Yan Zheng for their work on this project.

Equity in the Time of COVID-19: On April 27, SCHEV hosted a conversation with state and higher education leaders focusing on equity during a time of crises. Governor Northam, Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, Health Commissioner Norm Oliver, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Janice Underwood and Lumina Foundation's

Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer Danette Howard shared information and led discussions. As a follow-up, public institutions are responding to a survey about their diversity, equity and inclusion and strategic plans. Mr. Blake noted that this could lead to new ways of thinking about online education. He suggested that Council discuss the matter further at its July meeting.

Virginia Management Fellow: Grace Wheaton recently began a rotation with SCHEV as a Virginia Management Fellow. The fellowship is a state program designed to expose recent college graduates with employment opportunities in state agencies.

Exemplar Lumina grants: SCHEV will receive additional funding from Lumina to support equity work at six institutions that are already closing gaps. SCHEV will receive \$40,000 to administer the grants, create alignment across the programs and with state goals/efforts and to further the state's equity agenda.

Retirements: Mr. Blake noted that two SCHEV staffers will retire soon. Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, SCHEV's PPE Director, will retire on June 1. He saluted Ms. Rosa-Casanova's work during her career at SCHEV to protect students. Lee Ann Rung will retire on August 1, after serving the Council and the agency for 20 years. President John Broderick, President of Old Dominion University, will be retiring within the next year.

Mr. Blake called members' attention to the report from committees that was included in the agenda materials. He said there has been much progress on The Virginia Plan, but staff will need to bring suggestions to the July meeting for a modified approach to certain items, given the current circumstances.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ON PROGRAM APPROVALS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Ampy asked Dr. DeFlippo to provide a brief explanation of each of the programs. Dr. DeFilippo explained that these programs were submitted under the old approval system. The program actions under the new process will appear on the October agenda. On a motion by Mr. Ampy and seconded by Ms. Webb the following resolutions were approved unanimously in block (11-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Old Dominion University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Exercise Science (CIP code: 31.0505), effective fall 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Old Dominion University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Data Science and Analytics (CIP code: 11.0802), effective summer 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Radford University to initiate a Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.) degree program in Athletic Training (CIP code: 51.0903), effective summer 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Finance (CIP code: 52.0801), effective fall 2020.

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS IN TEACHER EDUCATION AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Ampy requested that Dr. DeFilippo provide background information on degree programs from James Madison University (JMU), Longwood University (LU), Norfolk State University (NSU), and the University of Mary Washington (UMW). On a motion by Mr. Ampy and seconded by Ms. Webb, the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0) after a roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to the seven institutions listed below to implement the specified bachelor degree programs in teacher education, effective fall 2020.

Inst.	Degree	Program Name	CIP
JMU	Bachelor of Science (BS)	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	13.1401
LU	Bachelor of Science (BS)	Early Childhood Education	13.1210
LU	Bachelor of Science (BS)	Elementary Education and Teaching	13.1202
LU	Bachelor of Science (BS)	Elementary and Middle School Education and Teaching	13.1206
NSU	Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd)	Elementary Education	13.1202
NSU	Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd)	Special Education	13.1001
UMW	Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd)	Elementary Education	13.1202

PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION CERTIFICATIONS

Dr. DeFilippo provided background information on Eastern Nazarene College and Southside College of Health Sciences. On a motion by Mr. Ampy and seconded by Mr. Holloman the following resolutions were approved unanimously (11-0) after a roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Eastern Nazarene College to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 19, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Southside College of Health Sciences to operate a degree-granting postsecondary institution within the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 19, 2020.

REVOKE MEDICAL LEARNING CENTER'S (MLC) CERTIFICATE TO OPERATE

Dr. DeFilippo said this action will allow staff to begin the process for revocation in compliance with the Administrative Process Act. He noted that the request for this action stems from MLC's failure to provide staff with information requested in connection with an audit. On a motion by Mr. Ampy and seconded by Ms. Radcliff, the following resolutions were approved unanimously (11-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia instructs staff to initiate procedures to revoke Medical Learning Center's certificate to operate, in accordance with requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

DRAFT REPORT ON ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR AN INVENTORY OF R&D ASSETS

Mr. Slater provided background information and asked Ms. Salmon to present the information. Ms. Salmon went through the presentation and answered questions from members. Mr. Fralin provided a summary from the Virginia Research Investment Committee (VRIC). Mr. Slater complimented Ms. Salmon for her work to accomplish this task with few resources. Mr. Blake also commended Ms. Salmon for producing a high quality product to hand off to VRIC's successor, the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. He was also grateful for Mr. Fralin's work on VRIC. On a motion by Mr. Slater and seconded by Mr. Light the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0) after a roll call vote:

WHEREAS the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia finds the draft Report on Establishing a Research and Development Inventory to provide a clear process for creating a catalog of R&D assets within the Commonwealth in compliance with statutory requirements; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves the draft Report on Establishing a Research and Development Inventory and following any revisions requested by Council," encourages its submission to the Virginia Research Investment Committee for review and approval.

BRIEFING ON GRADUATE OUTCOMES SURVEY

Dr. DeFilippo introduced Dr. Ellis who provided an update to the graduate outcomes survey, explained the delays encountered due to the pandemic, and answered questions from members.

BRIEFING ON 2019 FALL ENROLLMENTS AT PRIVATE NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Mr. Massa said there was not much to talk about with regard to fall 2019 enrollments since fall 2020 will be so impacted by COVID-19. He answered questions from members, and noted that there have been few updates to what was presented in April, i.e., FAFSA completions are down and early enrollments are down about 1% overall

from last fall.

There was some discussion about the possibility of foreign students returning in the fall due to travel restrictions. Mr. Massa said once staff learns if institutions will be fully open in fall, he will have a better sense of what will happen.

BRIEFING ON LAUNCH OF SCHEV INSIGHTS

Ms. Kang introduced Mr. Allison to provide a presentation on this new communication tool. Mr. Allison provided background on the new platform, *Insights*, explaining that its purpose is to communicate SCHEV data to legislators, policy makers, the media and administrators at institutions to advance SCHEV's mission. He provided a timeline of how this platform was launched. The publication will be updated six to eight times per year. He shared the page from the SCHEV website and noted that SCHEV would be sending a press release on May 20. He answered questions from members.

BRIEFING ON WORKFORCE ALIGNMENT PROJECT

Ms. Webb introduced Ms. Salmon who engaged with a variety of other stakeholders on how to improve alignment between higher education program offerings and workforce needs. Ms. Salmon explained the purpose of the project and provided a presentation describing common themes from stakeholder input. Ms. Salmon's presentation focused on the aspects of Virginia's higher education and workforce alignment ecosystem that need strengthened. The presentation also summarized potential near- and longer- term recommendations for Council's input. She asked for Council's input to include it in the draft report that will be shared at the July meeting. She answered questions from members. Mr. Fralin and Ms. Radcliff suggested that whatever we do must include career counseling at each institution and must start at the state level and progress to the regional level. Mr. Blake said Dr. Moret was not able to attend the meeting but noted that he was in strong support of these efforts.

RECEIPT OF ITEMS DELEGATED TO STAFF (MARCH AND MAY)

Mr. Blake noted that both the delegated items from March and May were included. Copy of both are attached to the minutes.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

Mr. Blake said some outstanding questions will result if the locations for this year cannot be scheduled due to the pandemic. If that occurs, staff recommends that these same institutions host a meeting in 2021, if possible. Mr. Blake requested that members provide additional comments over the next few weeks. A revised version of the schedule will be brought to July meeting for approval.

RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Mr. Fralin explained that May is typically the month that the Council meets in closed session to review the evaluation of its director and awards salary or bonus actions. Because of the pandemic and the salary freeze currently imposed in the Commonwealth, the Council would like to postpone this action until September. Mr.

Blake was in agreement. On a motion by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Ms. Connelly, the following resolution was approved unanimously (11-0) after a roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council delays until September 2020 the evaluation of its director and any salary or bonus actions authorized in Chapter 1283 of the 2020 General Assembly, also known as the Appropriation Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council extends the employment contract with its director from June 30, 2020, to September 30, 2020.

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fralin introduced Ms. Stacie Gordon from the Partners for College Affordability and Public Trust. Ms. Gordon spoke about the exploratory study on a review of program-level cost and the financial aid study. Ms. Gordon submitted a copy of her remarks to staff.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Ramsey noted that the Council bylaws state “The Council annually shall elect a chair and vice chair and appoint a secretary from its membership to serve until their successors have been elected,” and that these elections “shall be held at the last meeting of the Council prior to June 30 each year.

Drs. Atkins, Murray and Ramsey conferred individually with all members to bring forth the slate of officers for 2020-2021. Dr. Ramsey made a motion to nominate **Marge Connelly Chair, and Tom Slater Vice Chair**. The motion was seconded by Dr. Murray. No further nominations were brought forward and the resolution was approved unanimously (12-0) after a roll call vote.

Dr. Ramsey noted that the bylaws call for **appointment of a secretary**. He made a motion that **Ms. Webb serve a second term** in this role. The motion was seconded by Mr. Slater and approved unanimously on a roll call vote of 10-1 (Ms. Webb abstained).

Mr. Fralin thanked Council for its support over the last several years. He noted that in spite of the pandemic, things look good for the future but noted there are a number of challenges facing higher education. Higher education will see several changes due to the pandemic. Mr. Fralin said Ms. Connelly is well qualified to lead SCHEV to greater heights and has a great Council and staff behind her.

Ms. Connelly thanked Mr. Fralin for his leadership, strength and guidance that has

brought focus to the educational needs of rural communities, and offered a different approach to research. She thanked Council members for their trust and confidence, and noted that Council will need to rethink and reprioritize some efforts due to the pandemic. Ms. Connelly noted that the agency plays a number of different roles but has three powerful tools to make things happen, i.e., the role of convener, coordinator and trusted provider of objective expertise data and analysis. SCHEV has earned respect because of the quality of its staff and the experience and character of Council members. The terms of the new officers will take effect in FY 2021.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Slater and seconded by Mr. Holloman the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Katharine Webb
Council Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

**Items Delegated to Director/Staff
(from March 2020)**

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/not approved as delegated to staff:

Degree Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
George Mason University	CIP Code Change Approved: Change the CIP code of the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Communication from 23.1304 to 09.0101	Summer 2020
George Mason University	Name Change Approved: Change the name of the Master of Science degree program in Computer Forensics (43.0403) to Digital Forensics (43.0403)	Summer 2020
Virginia Commonwealth University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Special Education (13.1001)	Fall 2020
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	CIP Code Change Approved: Change the CIP code of the Master of Science (M.S.) in Architecture and the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) in Architecture from 04.0201 to 04.0902	Spring 2020

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, Discontinued and Modified Programs

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
George Mason University	<p>Program Discontinuances: Discontinue the following:</p> <p><u>Degree Programs:</u> Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies (05.0107) [Council Approval: March 8, 2005] Master of Arts in History of Decorative Arts (50.0799) [Council Approval: March 11, 2011] Master of Science in Management of Secure Information Systems (43.0303) [Council Approval: July 19, 2011]</p>	Summer 2020

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
	Doctor of Arts in Community College Education (13.1299) [Council Approval: May 2, 1990] <u>Certificate Programs:</u> Post-baccalaureate in Signal Processing (14.1001) Post-baccalaureate in Wireless Communications (11.0901)	
George Mason University	Initiate a new Graduate Certificate program in Science Communication (09.0908)	Fall 2020
University of Virginia	Initiate a new Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Design and Development (04.1001)	Fall 2020
Virginia Commonwealth University	Program Discontinuances: Discontinue the following: <u>Certificate Programs</u> Post-baccalaureate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (13.1013) Post-baccalaureate in College Student Development (13.1102)	Fall 2020
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Initiate a new Graduate Certificate program in Construction Management (52.2001)	Summer 2020
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Program Discontinuance: Discontinue the Bachelor of Science degree program in Engineering Science and Mechanics (14.1101) [Council Approval: BCHE]	Summer 2020
Virginia State University	Simple Program Modification: Add an online delivery format to the Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision (13.0401)	Fall 2020

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes*," the following item is approved as delegated to staff:

Institution	Change/Site	Effective Date
George Mason University	Create the Department of Cyber Security Engineering . The Department will reside in the Volgenau School of Engineering. The creation of the Department will provide the infrastructure	March 1, 2020

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	for the management of academic programs and demonstrate the University's dedication to education and research in cyber security engineering. The Department will also provide synergy to "facilitate faculty collaboration and promote a cohesive academic focus."	
George Mason University	Rename the Prince William Campus, an off-campus site in Manassas, VA to the Science and Technology Campus . The off-campus site has been re-named to provide a precise description of the academic programs located at the site and accurately identify and brand the site as "the science and technology hub of the university."	February 17, 2020
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Change of Address of the Virginia Tech Newport News Center Off-Campus Site: <u>New address:</u> Virginia Tech Newport News Center, 700 Tech Center Parkway, Suite 305, Newport News, VA 23606	February 25, 2020

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section § 23.1-211 and Council's "*Commonwealth of Virginia Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education and Related Activities*," the following item is approved as delegated to staff:

**National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)
Approvals**

Institution	Effective Date
Randolph College	February 18, 2020

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 23.1-213 to 230 and 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	Effective Date
Augusta Health School of Clinical Laboratory Science (Instructional location)	Fishersville, VA	12/16/2019
Cookology21 Professional Culinary School	Arlington, VA	8/19/2019
Data N Tech Institute of Information Technology	Alexandria, VA	12/16/2019
Excella Training	Arlington, VA Herndon, VA	1/10/2020
Inova Histology Program	Fairfax, VA	12/13/2019
Intellectual Point (additional site)	Sterling, VA	11/06/2019
Jazz Barber & Hairstyling Academy	Petersburg, VA	9/16/2019
Rapp Center for Education	Sperryville, VA	10/24/2019
SyLearn	Arlington, VA	1/10/2020
TMOG Learning Center	Virginia Beach, VA	9/20/2019
Williams Academy of Medical Coding	Virginia Beach, VA	1/22/2020

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section § 23.1-203 and Council’s policy “Mission Statement Changes at Public Institutions,” the following item was approved as delegated to staff. As specified in code, the new mission statement will take effect 30 days following the adjournment of the next General Assembly Session following SCHEV approval.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

Previous Mission Statement:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) is a public land-grant university serving the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world community. The discovery and dissemination of new knowledge are central to its mission. Through its focus on teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and engagement, the university creates, conveys, and applies knowledge to expand personal growth and opportunity, advance social and community development, foster economic competitiveness, and improve the quality of life.

New Mission Statement:

Inspired by our land-grant identity and guided by our motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech is an inclusive community of knowledge, discovery, and creativity dedicated to improving the quality of life and the human condition within the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the world.

COIA-Exception Policy Approvals

Institution	Policy	Effective Date
William & Mary	Policy on Financial Conflict of Interest	January 3, 2020

**Items Delegated to Director/Staff
(May 2020)**

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Degree Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	Facilitated Staff Approval: Bachelor of Science degree program in Data Science (30.7001)	Fall 2020
George Mason University	Name Change Approved: Change the name of the Master of Science degree program in Computer Forensics (43.0403) to Digital Forensics (43.0403)	Summer 2020
George Mason University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Master of Science degree program in Cyber Security Engineering (43.0303)	Fall 2020
Tidewater Community College	Facilitated Staff Approval: Associate of Applied Science degree program in Cyber Security (11.1003)	Summer 2020
University of Virginia	CIP Code Changes Approved: Master of Arts degree program in Economics from 45.0601 to 45.0603 Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Economics from 45.0601 to 45.0603	Spring 2020
Virginia Commonwealth University	Degree Designation Discontinuance: Discontinue the Master of Bioinformatics (MBIN) degree designation. The institution will continue to offer the Master of Science (MS) in Bioinformatics (26.1103)	Summer 2020
Virginia Commonwealth University	Facilitated Staff Approval: Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Special Education (13.1001)	Fall 2020
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George Mason University	Rename the Prince William Campus, an off-campus site in Manassas, VA to the Science and Technology Campus . The off-campus site has been re-named to provide a precise description of the academic programs located at the site and accurately identify and brand the site as "the science and technology hub of the university."	February 17, 2020
University of Mary Washington	Create the Department of Chemistry and Physics from the reorganization of the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics. The Department will reside in the College of Arts and Sciences. The reorganization will allow for administrative efficiency and a decrease in operation cost. The establishment of one academic unit will support the sharing of common resources and "provide opportunities for collaborative research" among faculty "in areas of shared interest."	July 1, 2020
University of Mary Washington	Reorganize the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication to create two departments: the Department of English and Linguistics and, the Department of Communication and Digital Studies . The Departments will reside in the College of Arts and Sciences. The reorganization will allow the institution to create two distinct	July 1, 2020

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	academic units that will improve administration of resources and academic programming offered by the departments. The establishment of separate departments will also create “a department home based on disciplinary needs for the faculty and students.”	
Virginia Commonwealth University	Rename the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences to the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences . The Department has been renamed to “reflect current certification nomenclature for the profession.” VCU indicates that the new name “will align with the names of similar departments at VCU’s SCHEV peer institutions.”	August 1, 2020
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Stylez & Kutz School of Barbering & Cosmetology	Portsmouth, VA	4/16/2020
SyLearn	Arlington, VA	1/10/2020
TMOG Learning Center	Virginia Beach, VA	9/20/2019
Williams Academy of Medical Coding	Virginia Beach, VA	1/22/2020
ZioTek Institute of Technology	Vienna, VA	3/2/2020

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section § 23.1-203 and Council's policy "Mission Statement Changes at Public Institutions," the following item was approved as delegated to staff. As specified in code, the new mission statement will take effect 30 days following the adjournment of the next General Assembly Session following SCHEV approval.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

Previous Mission Statement:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) is a public land-grant university serving the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world community. The discovery and dissemination of new knowledge are central to its mission. Through its focus on teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and engagement, the university creates, conveys, and applies knowledge to expand personal growth and opportunity, advance social and community development, foster economic competitiveness, and improve the quality of life.

New Mission Statement:

Inspired by our land-grant identity and guided by our motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech is an inclusive community of knowledge, discovery, and creativity dedicated to improving the quality of life and the human condition within the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the world.