

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016  
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in Salon 4, Student Commons, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Henry Light, Dan Gundersen, Bill Murray, Tom Slater, and Minnis Ridenour. Chairman G. Gilmer Minor, III was also in attendance.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Connelly welcomed President Tiffany Franks from Averett University. On behalf of the private colleges and universities as well as the students they serve, she expressed gratitude for SCHEV's support of the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) in the last General Assembly session. She provided a recap of the program and recommended that SCHEV consider supporting an increase from \$3200 to \$3400 for 2017-18. Dr. Franks indicated that this additional support would impact 23,000 students across Virginia. She reported that private colleges enroll 72% of underrepresented students compared to 53% enrolled at the public four year colleges. President Franks distributed a copy of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) report and answered questions from members. Mr. Lambeth, President of CICV, reminded members that private colleges are very focused on assisting the Council in implementing the goals of the Virginia Plan for Higher Education.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Slater the minutes from the July 19, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously.

**ACTION ON MEASURES OF INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE**

Dr. Mottley provided a recap of the report on the six general education-related measures and Level II measures that was reviewed at the July meeting and answered questions from members. Systemwide, all six of the general education-related performance measures were achieved. She directed members to the summary on page 7 and indicated that assessment results by institution are available on the SCHEV website.

Dr. Mottley informed members that the Department of Planning and Budget reported that all institutions met the Financial and Administrative Standards with passing scores of at least 80%.

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Slater the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that consistent with §23-9.6:1.01, Code of Virginia, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 that all public institutions have satisfactorily met the performance standards of the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act and Appropriation Act.

**ACTION ON WORKFORCE CREDENTIAL REGULATIONS BASED ON REGULATORY REVIEW**

Ms. Kang reminded members that the regulations were approved at the July meeting. However, technical changes were made based on regulatory review. Upon advice by legal counsel, the changes were brought to the Council for approval. On a motion by Mr. Slater and seconded by Dr. Murray the following resolution was approved unanimously:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed regulations for Workforce Credential Grant Program and directs to staff to incorporate any necessary technical changes that may arise subsequent to further executive or legal review.

**ACTION ON ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES FOR CYBERSECURITY PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Mr. Andes reminded members that in July the Council approved the initial policies and procedures for the program. Following that meeting, several changes were requested by the executive branch and staff identified other changes needed to clarify the policies. He distributed a tracked changes version of the amendments and briefly discussed the guidelines.

Mr. Minor informed members that he and Mr. Andes recently attended a panel discussion at Longwood University on cybersecurity, where these documents were discussed. Longwood University has taken a big step forward for the Commonwealth in the cybersecurity arena. Mr. Andes reported that the program is currently in place and 80 applications have been received to date. On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Gundersen the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the proposed amended policies, application, and promissory note for the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship program.

## **DISCUSSION OF 2016-18 SYSTEMWIDE OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Blake reminded members that the proposed amendments are discussed in September, with Council action in October. Mr. Hix chronicled the erosion of funding, reviewed the charts, and answered questions from members. Mr. Slater said the chart showing Virginia's ranking on public higher education support per student was a dramatic portrayal of how far Virginia lags other states. Ms. Connelly asked staff to provide Virginia's rankings in 2001.

## **UPDATE ON INITIATIVES 2, 3, and 6 OF THE VIRGINIA PLAN**

Mr. Blake explained that staff continues to stress these initiatives when meeting with legislators and others. Staff will strive to preserve the funding for research that was provided in the last General Assembly session.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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Marge Connelly  
Committee Chair

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Lee Ann Rung  
Director, Executive & Board Affairs