

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 16-17, 2022  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Joan P. Brock Room at Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA.

Council members present: Marge Connelly, Mirza Baig, Henry Light, Katharine Webb, Victoria Harker, Alex Arriaga, Thaddeus Holloman, Alvin J. Schexnider, Jennie O'Holleran, John Broderick. Jason El Koubi joined virtually for a portion of the meeting.

Council member absent: Ken Ampy.

Staff members present: Tom Allison, Peter Blake, Grace Covello, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Jodi Fisler, Wendy Kang, Ashley Lockhart, Tod Massa, Beverly Rebar, Emily Salmon and Lyn Seuffert.

Ramona Taylor from the Office of the Attorney General also attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ms. Connelly announced there would be a minor change to the minutes to note the attendance of Malik Watson, a student from Norfolk State University and a member of the SCHEV Student Advisory Committee, at the March Council meeting.**

Ms. Harker made a motion to approve the March 22, 2022, minutes, which were seconded by Dr. Schexnider. The minutes meeting were approved unanimously.

**REMARKS FROM SCOTT MILLER, PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Ms. Connelly introduced President Miller, who discussed Virginia Wesleyan University and its recent projects and accomplishments. In 2015, the University approved a new comprehensive strategic plan. The university has since constructed a state-of-the-art environmental center, transitioned from a college to a university, launched a selective honors program, the Batten Honors College, added early assurance graduate programs, dedicated a new performing arts center, and added an equity partnership ownership in a campus in Tokyo, Japan. The university also has added online degree completion and workforce development programs. The transformation of campus was made possible through funding by private donors. He said that the university maintains a focus on student affordability. The full-time residential student population is 40% Pell eligible and a similar number of those are members of an underrepresented population.

Councilmember Broderick remarked upon the remarkable success of Virginia Wesleyan under President Miller.

**REPORT OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR**

Mr. Blake highlighted the following items from his written report:

- 2022 General Assembly session and state budget decisions that are pending.

- Meetings with contractors from NCHEM progress on the cost and funding study.
- In May, the General Professional Advisory Committee met and heard from Secretary Guidera, who spoke about administration priorities. It was the last meeting to be attended by retiring Chancellor DuBois and President Paul Tribble.
- Met with U.S. Secretary of Education Cardona, and U.S. Senator Kaine at Reynolds Community College. Secretary Cardona commended the college for outreach to PK-12 schools and for workforce development efforts.
- Enrollment trends.
- COVES Policy Fellow recruitment.
- Decision Day in Virginia: Director Blake introduced Paula Robinson, who provided an overview of Decision Day, which occurred on May 1. This is when students across the country are making decision about where to go for postsecondary education. To celebrate Virginia students, SCHEV hosted events and sent out 4000 t-shirts to those students.
- To enhance staff engagement, the agency held a public service week event at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.
- New telework policy. Council members engaged in discussion about the potential consequences of the change.
- Second quarterly report about VMI received.

### **DEI INITIATIVE: ACTION ON THE DISABILITIES ACTION PLAN**

Dr. DeFilippo introduced Emily Salmon to present on the action plan to address higher education barriers faced by students with disabilities. Ms. Salmon presented on the objectives, the relationship of the action plan to the Pathways to Opportunity plan and the Governor's Executive Order 10. Ms. Salmon reviewed the data that documents the need for the effort and detailed the elements of the domains of the plan, including data collection, access to higher education, and success in higher education. Council members engaged in discussion about the importance of institutional leadership on the issue and the availability of best practices to follow.

On motion by Ms. Arriaga and seconded by Dr. Schexnider, the following Resolution was approved unanimously:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts the Action Plan to Address Higher Education Barriers faced by Students with Disabilities and authorizes staff to work with institutions and advisors to implement its provisions.**

### **UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: DATA-INFORMED INITIATIVES**

Emily Salmon presented on data-informed initiatives in the Virginia Plan. She described aspects of staff's efforts to track progress toward achieving the plan's goals via two of the plan's five baseline measures - enrollment and awards.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEES**

Report from Academic Affairs Committee

*Mr. Light summarized the following items addressed by the Committee:*

The committee received a report from Dr. Smith with updates on the various transfer policies.

**Program approval actions:**

The committee's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Arriaga was approved unanimously (10-0) by Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to the University of Virginia to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Behavioral Neuroscience (CIP: 42.2706), effective fall 2022.**

The Council discussed aspects of program duplication and how they are reviewed through the new program approval process.

The committee's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Arriaga was approved unanimously (10-0) by Council:

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### Report from the Resources & Planning Committee

Ms. Harker reviewed the following discussion items from the Resources and Planning Committee meeting:

- Update on the budget.
- The current phase of the cost and funding needs study will be completed on June 1. The committee discussed the concept of performance incentives and how they could be incorporated into a new model.
- Grants to remove barriers to attainment through SCHEV's Fund for Excellence and Innovation.
- Institutional performance standards and the six year plan process.
- Tracking of credentials and certifications in top workforce programs.

At Ms. Connelly's request, Lynn Seuffert described the recipients of the Fund for Excellence and Innovation grants.

### **RECEIPT OF ITEMS DELEGATED TO STAFF**

Mr. Blake informed members that the actions taken by staff on behalf of Council as delegated items were included in the agenda book.

### **REPORT ON COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Mr. Light and Ms. Arriaga reported on the process of identifying and selecting the next Council officers. The committee recommended Ken Ampy as Chair, Katie Webb as Vice Chair, and Victoria Harker as Secretary. A motion to accept the recommendations was made by Mr. Holloman and seconded by Dr. Schexnider. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0) by the Council.

### **ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS FOR DEPARTING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Blake commented on Mr. Light's service on the Council. Ms. Webb read the proposed resolution commending Mr. Light and made a motion for approval that was seconded by Ms. Harker and approved unanimously (10-0) by Council.

Mr. Blake commented on Ms. Connelly's service on the Council. Ms. Webb read the proposed resolution commending Ms. Connelly and made a motion for approval that was seconded by Ms. Harker and approved unanimously (10-0) by Council.

The text of both resolutions is attached.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Blake commented on Council membership and the schedule of upcoming Council meeting.

Closed session began at 11:36 a.m. and ended at 12:22 p.m.

At 11:36 a.m., Ms. Connelly called for a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-371 (A)(1) and 2.2-371 I(A)(7), for the purposes of discussing personnel matters.

At 12:22, the members reconvened in the open Council meeting and attested to the following:

We convened today in a Closed Meeting pursuant to a recorded vote on the motion above and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires that SCHEY certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered. Any member who believes there was a departure from these requirements shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place. The statement of the departure will be recorded in the minutes.

A roll call vote was taken on above motion and all members verbally stated "aye."

Ms. Connelly presented the following motion that was seconded by Mr. Light and approved unanimously (10-0):

**BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Council's employment agreement with the Director and the Appropriations Act, the Director will be awarded a performance bonus of 5% as soon as is practicable based on the Director's performance in 2021 and 2022.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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Marge Connelly  
Council Chair

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Beverly Rebar  
Senior Assoc. for Academic, Legislative and  
Regulatory Affairs

## Items Delegated to Director/Staff

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council's "Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes," the following items approved/not approved as delegated to staff:

### Academic Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
George Mason University	<b>Graduate Certificate Programs Approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computing Foundations (11.0299)</li> <li>• Global Economic Policy and Technology (45.0605)</li> <li>• Information Security Management (52.1206)</li> <li>• Science Policy (44.0599)</li> </ul>	Fall 2022
George Mason University	<b>Program Name Change Approved:</b> Change the name of the Master of Arts degree program from International Commerce and Policy (45.0901) to Global Commerce and Policy (45.0901)	Fall 2022
George Mason University	<b>Program Discontinuances Approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Education in Health Education (13.1307) [Council Approval Date: August 1972]</li> <li>• Master of Science in Physical Education (13.1314) [Council Approval Date: August 1982]</li> </ul>	Spring 2022
John Tyler Community College	<b>CIP Code Change Approved:</b> Change the CIP code of the Associate of Applied Science degree program in Architecture Engineering Technology from (04.0901) to (15.0101)	Spring 2022
Virginia Commonwealth University	<b>Baccalaureate Certificate Program Not Approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Laboratory Sciences (51.1005)</li> </ul>	February 16, 2022
Virginia Commonwealth University	<b>Graduate Certificate Program Approved:</b> Health Equity (51.2299)	Fall 2022
All Community Colleges	<b>Certificate Program Name Change Approved:</b> Change the name from the Certificate of General Education (24.0199) to Uniform Certificate of General Studies (24.0199)	Fall 2022
Virginia Polytechnic	<b>Graduate Certificate Program Approved:</b> Disaster Resilience (43.0399)	Summer 2022

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Institute and State University		

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council’s *“Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes,”* the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

### Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes

Institution	Change/Site	Effective Date
Radford University	<p>Reorganize the School of Dance and Theatre to establish two departments: the <b>Department of Dance</b>, and the <b>Department of Theatre and Cinema</b>. The Departments will reside in the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The reorganization will allow the University to “accurately reflect the organizational structure and operation of the school as two separate departments.” The establishment of separate departments will also enable the University to address governance recommendations of the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD).</p>	July 1, 2022
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	<p>Establish the <b>School of Animal Sciences</b> from the reorganization of the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences and the Department of Dairy Science. The departments will be closed. The School will reside in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The reorganization will provide an overarching, common structure needed to support “cohesive” academic programming, efficient use of resources including personnel, and “strategic decision-making” for the animal science disciplines. The establishment of the proposed school will “ensure that one academic unit is responsible for leading and supporting all of the institution’s endeavors and initiatives for the discipline of animal sciences.”</p>	July 1, 2022

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 approved as delegated to staff:

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

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Eastern Shore Community College	February 25, 2022
Riverside College of Health Careers	February 18, 2022

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**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy – Centreville	Centreville, VA	02/22/2022
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy – Stafford	Stafford, VA	02/22/2022
Carter Machinery Academy for Construction Related Trades	Mechanicsville, VA Sterling, VA Salem, VA	01/22/2022
The Chrysm Institute of Esthetics	Hampton, VA	01/18/2022



STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**Henry Light**

**WHEREAS**, Henry Light served as an exemplary member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Light served with distinction as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and ably as a member of multiple work groups, including the Nominating Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Educational Attainment and the Ad Hoc Committee on Research; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his professionalism, legal background and past experience on the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University, Mr. Light brought considerable expertise as well as insightful perspectives to the work of Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Light has worked as a tireless advocate for Virginia higher education and sought consistently to enhance connections between Council's various duties and activities, and between Council and the colleges and universities, to meet the educational needs of students and the talent and innovation needs of the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Light has been an unwavering champion for basic and applied research in Virginia universities, and for state support thereof, illuminating the importance and benefits of new discoveries on the health and well-being of Virginians, the Commonwealth, the United States and the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Light approached his service on Council with humor and enthusiasm, always conducting himself with dignity, steadfast resolve and an earnest desire to ensure that Virginia colleges and universities maintain the highest standards of excellence in higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, through his diligent efforts, Mr. Light contributed substantively to the statewide strategic plan, *Pathways to Opportunity: The Virginia Plan for Higher Education*, which will continue to have positive impacts on future generations in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Light will continue to pursue progress in the best interests of Virginia higher education and will remain a trusted friend and valued advisor as the Council fulfills its mission of advancing Virginia through higher education; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Henry Light** for his distinguished service and enduring commitment to Virginia higher education, and extends to him best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

*Marge Connelly*  
Chair

*Peter Blake*  
Director

*Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022*  
*State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*

STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**Marge Connelly**

**WHEREAS**, Marge Connelly served with unwavering devotion, selfless dedication and a tireless work ethic as a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Connelly led the Council ably as Chair from 2020 through 2022, held the office of Vice Chair for one year, and served with distinction on numerous standing and ad hoc committees, including the Resources and Planning Committee, which she chaired, the Executive Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Data and Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, through her leadership and personal involvement, Ms. Connelly strengthened the relationships the Council holds with the institutions of higher education, the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, the Department of Education, the private sector and other stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of her business acumen and her unique experience at Longwood University as both the Rector of the Board of Visitors and the Interim President, Ms. Connelly served the Council well in keeping public higher education accountable to Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, via her enduring commitments to equity, efficiency, effectiveness and collaboration, Ms. Connelly helped formulate and advance *Pathways to Opportunity: The Virginia Plan for Higher Education*, which will affect future generations in Virginia positively and profoundly; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure as chair, Ms. Connelly shone as a guiding beacon of light and hope for the Council, its staff and indeed all of Virginia higher education through the unprecedented simultaneous challenges of a global pandemic and a societal social-justice reckoning; and

**WHEREAS**, from her leadership and deep commitment, Ms. Connelly has inspired confidence and respect among her colleagues and peers, as well as support and gratitude among all Council members who have enjoyed the honor and privilege of serving with her; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Marge Connelly** for her distinguished service and commitment to advancing Virginia's system of higher education, and extends to her best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

*Ken Ampy  
Vice Chair*

*Peter Blake  
Director*

*Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
JOINT SCHEV/PRIVATE COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
May 16, 2022  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Joan P. Brock Room of the Brock Commons at Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA.

Council members present: Marge Connelly, Mirza Baig, Henry Light, Katharine Webb, Victoria Harker, Alex Arriaga, Thaddeus Holloman, Alvin J. Schexnider, Jennie O'Holleran, John Broderick.

Council members absent: Ken Ampy, Jason El Koubi.

Staff members present: Tom Allison, Peter Blake, Grace Covello, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Jodi Fisler, Wendy Kang, Ashley Lockhart, Tod Massa, Beverly Rebar, Emily Salmon and Lyn Seuffert. Virginia Management Fellow Celeste Chalkley also attended.

Ramona Taylor from the Office of the Attorney General also attended.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

On behalf of the Council, chair Marge Connelly greeted the presidents of the non-profit private institutions and stressed the importance of their colleges in meeting the goals and needs of the Commonwealth. On behalf of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia. Scott Miller, president of Virginia Wesleyan, thanked Council for its support of private colleges and its efforts to advance Virginia through higher education. (President Miller spoke in place of David Johns, CICV chair and Ferrum president, who was unable to attend.)

**PRIORITIES FOR VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION**

Ms. Connelly introduced the Honorable Aimee Guidera, Secretary of Education, who presented the higher-education priorities of the Youngkin administration: vibrant campus life; affordability and reducing costs; preparation of students for the knowledge economy; and strengthening pathways and the college and career-ready pipeline. Secretary Guidera encouraged feedback and questions from attendees and responded to comments and queries from PCAB members and Council members.

**DISCUSSION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AFTER A TUMULTUOUS TWO YEARS**

Peter Blake recognized and thanked the private colleges for their efforts during the global pandemic and the social changes of the past two years. He encouraged PCAB members to discuss the challenges their institutions faced and are facing still, as well as the lessons learned and opportunities for the future. Attendees pointed to issues such as student engagement/reengagement, learning loss and support services.

## **INSTITUTION HIGHLIGHT; APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW**

Mr. Blake introduced B. Keith Faulkner, dean of the Appalachian School of Law, who provided an overview of his freestanding law school in Grundy, VA. A brief question-and-answer session followed.

## **UPDATES FROM SCHEV STAFF**

Mr. Blake introduced Lee Andes, who discussed the 50-year history of the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant program as well as recent changes thereto. Mr. Blake, in the interest of time, deferred discussion of the 2022 legislative session and directed attendees to a paper summary of relevant legislation. Mr. Blake introduced Emily Salmon, who summarized and solicited participation in a review of student-support services by SCHEV staff in support of *Pathways to Opportunity: The Virginia Plan for Higher Education*. Mr. Blake introduced Lynn Seuffert, who discussed efforts toward a statewide student-internship program – the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Program or VTOP – and provided information on opportunities for private colleges. Mr. Blake also introduced Jodi Fisler, who previewed the upcoming Day of Dialogue on civil discourse and welcomed additional registrations from the private colleges.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The chair adjourned the joint meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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Katharine Webb  
Council Secretary

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Alan Edwards  
Director of Strategic Planning & Policy Studies

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
VWU BATTEN HONORS COLLEGE SESSION AND TOUR  
May 16, 2022  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the session to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Joan P. Brock Room of the Brock Commons at Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA.

Council members present: Marge Connelly, Mirza Baig, Henry Light, Katharine Webb, Victoria Harker, Alex Arriaga, Thaddeus Holloman, Alvin J. Schexnider, Jennie O'Holleran, John Broderick.

Council members absent: Ken Ampy, Jason El Koubi.

Staff members present: Tom Allison, Peter Blake, Grace Covello, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Jodi Fisler, Wendy Kang, Ashley Lockhart, Tod Massa, Beverly Rebar, Emily Salmon and Lyn Seuffert. Virginia Management Fellow Celeste Chalkley also attended.

Ramona Taylor from the Office of the Attorney General also attended.

**VWU BATTEN HONORS COLLEGE**

Marge Connelly, chair, introduced Scott Miller, president of Virginia Wesleyan, who provided an overview of the university's Batten Honors College and discussed how it empowers scholar-activist students to lead a global society's sustainable development. (His overview consisted of a slideshow presentation; no tour was conducted.) President Miller also introduced Travis Malone, dean of the Batten Honors College, and welcomed questions from attendees.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The chair adjourned the educational session at 5:25 p.m.

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Katharine Webb  
Council Secretary

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Alan Edwards  
Director of Strategic Planning & Policy Studies

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MAY 16, 2022  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Mr. Light called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., at Virginia Wesleyan University. Committee members present: Henry Light, Vice Chair; Jeffery Smith, Alvin Schexnider, and Alex Arriaga.

Committee members absent: Ken Ampy, Jennie O'Holleran.

Staff members present: Joseph G. DeFilippo, Paul Smith, Jodi Fisler, Paula Robinson and Beverly Rebar.

Ramona Taylor from the Office of the Attorney General also attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Arriaga, the minutes were approved unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Light introduced and invited staff to present information on the following topics:

**ACTION ON PROPOSED DEGREE PROGRAM AT PUBLIC INSTITUTION**

Dr. DeFilippo described the historical context of the proposed degree program. The item had previously been on the agenda in January. At the time, the staff analysis focused on less than full documentation of a call for a degree of this type and employment opportunities and the committee has asked UVA to collect supplementary documentation. Dr. DeFilippo said he could recommend approval since UVA had produced four satisfactory letters from employers. A representative from UVA was present to answer questions.

On motion by Dr. Schexnider and seconded by Ms. Arriaga, the following resolution was unanimously forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to the University of Virginia to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Behavioral Neuroscience (CIP: 42.2706), effective fall 2022.**

**ACTION ON REVIEW OF PROPOSED DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM**

Dr. DeFilippo described the background of the proposed degree program. George Mason University had objected to the proposal based on duplication of an existing degree program, so the item is before the committee for adjudication of the duplication issue. If

approved, the program would go to the external review stage. Dr. DeFilippo answered questions from committee members.

On motion by Dr. Schexnider and seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was unanimously forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Affairs Committee authorizes staff to move the proposal for a Ph.D. degree program in Media Studies (CIP code: 09.0102) to the external review stage.**

### **ACTION ON PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Dr. DeFilippo provided the background information for the item. Northeastern University is a regionally accredited institution based in Massachusetts seeking to be certified to operate in Virginia. It offers all graduate programs in technology-related fields. The campus will be located in Arlington.

On motion by Ms. Arriaga and seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was unanimously forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Northeastern University to operate as a degree-granting postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective May 17, 2022.**

### **ACTION ON FINAL DISTANCE LEARNING REGULATION**

Dr. DeFilippo introduced the item by describing the stage of the regulatory process that required Council approval. He described the legislative background that led to the need for SCHEV to promulgate distance learning regulations.

On motion by Schexnider and seconded by Ms. Arriaga, the following resolution was unanimously forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the Final Distance Learning Regulation (8VAC40-31-125). Council further authorizes staff to make any necessary technical or formatting changes that may be necessary to put the regulation into final form.**

### **DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Smith presented to the committee about Transfer Policy Development, describing the policies that SCHEV has developed in response to legislation passed in 2018. He spoke about the various committees that collaborate on the development of the policies and how the policies are aligned with the strategies in the Virginia Plan. Dr. Smith responded to questions about the roles of the various advisory committees, models or

established best practices from other states, and the collection of data and measuring success of the initiatives.

**ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REVISED STATE POLICY ON COLLEGE TRANSFER**

On motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Schexnider, the following resolution was unanimously forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in accord with Code of Virginia § 23.1-905.1, approves the updated State Policy on College Transfer, effective immediately.

**RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFF LIAISON**

Dr. DeFilippo commented on the work of Academic Affairs staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Light adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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Ken Ampy  
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

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Beverly Rebar  
Staff, Academic Affairs



**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MAY 16 2022  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Ms. Harker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Joan P. Brock Room, Brock Commons, Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Victoria Harker, John Broderick, Thaddeus Holloman, Katharine Webb, and Mirza Baig.

The following Committee member was unable to attend: Jennie O'Holleran.

Staff members present: Tom Allison, Peter Blake, Grace Covello, Wendy Kang, Lynn Seuffert, Celeste Chalkley, Paula Robinson, and Tod Massa.

Others present: Ramona Taylor from the Office of the Attorney General

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Holloman and seconded by Ms. Webb, the minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, meeting were approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING FROM 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Ms. Kang provided a brief update on the budget process indicating that we do not yet have a budget for the upcoming biennium. Council members request an overview of the budget once released, preferably before our next council meeting. Wendy agreed to send an update to members once the budget is available.

**DISCUSSION OF COST AND FUNDING NEED STUDY**

Ms. Kang and Mr. Allison reviewed the status of the cost and funding need study. A final report of the study is due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Allison presented the conceptual framework of the cost study to Council. As a reminder this study is intended to identify methods and strategies to better allocate limited state funds for higher education that align with state needs. Discussion occurred on various details of the model including the ability of the model to be agnostic towards modality type of learning, the use of enrolled credit hours in the model, and the area of the model related to performance and capacity building.

Ms. Kang indicated that budget language has been requested to continue working on the cost and funding need study after July 1, particularly related to performance and incentives. Council members indicated the importance of having the diagnostic tool of the model complete.

**DISCUSSION OF GRANTS TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO ATTAINMENT: THE FUND FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION**

Ms. Seuffert presented on the grant program and provided an overview of the origin of the agenda item. In spring 2021, Chair Connelly presented a report from the University Innovation Alliance that set a goal to graduate more students. Details were provided in the presentation. Ms. Seuffert noted at the end, that the grants will be awarded to three projects, (1) UVA-Wise & Mountain Empire Community College – Addressing Gaps through Equitable Pathways to Success, (2) Patrick and Henry Community College & Ferrum College – Improving Equity Among African-American Males through Early Alert Support Systems, and (3) Radford University & New River Community College – Understanding the Needs and Challenges of Rural Students: The Role of Student Support in Successful Transfer.

### **DISCUSSION OF INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND 6-YEAR PLAN PROCESS FOR 2022**

Ms. Kang and Mr. Allison provided an overview of the Institution Performance Standards and the 6-year plan process. Staff announced the upcoming retirement of Dr. Huskey who led this process for the last eight years.

SCHEV conducts Institutional Performance Standards every two years and the process was last updated in 2011. The current process evaluated fiscal and education related measures. SCHEV's main responsibility is to certify institutions which allows them to receive fiscal benefits. SCHEV staff will present data related to the education measures in July and the fiscal measures in September. Staff will seek Council approval to certify institutions in the fall.

The 6-year plan process is currently in an update year. Given the retirement of Dr. Huskey, Mr. Allison will be leading this process. SCHEV distributed a template to institutions on May 1 with a due date of July 1. An extension to this process is expected to be provided given the delay in the budget. SCHEV staff agreed to provide a summary of key takeaways from 6-year plans at a future meeting. Council asked about the recent Governor's letter regarding changes to the 6-year plan process. SCHEV staff are working with the administration to look at changes for next year.

### **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL TOPIC OF INTEREST: CREDENTIAL TRACKING**

SCHEV staff provided an overview on this agenda item that was from the March council meeting where Council requested staff to identify methods to better track workforce credentials. Ms. Kang provided an overview of staff's efforts to collect data from agencies that grant licensures and certifications in the top 10 workforce programs through the workforce credential grant. Challenges in data collection included the level of detail the license agencies could provide.

Council expressed an interest to collect this information and, where feasible, require the entities to submit data. SCHEV staff noted the interest of the legislature and Governor and believe there will be more movement in this area in the coming year.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm

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