

Minutes for February 15, 2010
VT/UVA Richmond Center, Richmond, VA.

In attendance:

M'hammed Abdous, Beverly Covington, Anne Moore, Sharon Pitt, Gene Roche, Jerry Slezak, and John St. Clair

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes approved:

<http://www.schev.edu/AdminFaculty/LTACMinutes/LTAC%2011-10-2009.pdf>

SCHEV report:

The position responsibilities of the Secretary of Education may be expanded to include workforce development.

There was a House Bill to abolish SCHEV, which was tabled in committee:

http://www.schev.edu/policy/leg_display.asp?bill=HB1016

Senate Joint Resolution No. 32 was shared, which would direct JLARC to study the role of the Secretary of Education in improving coordination between K-12, community colleges, and 4-year institutions of higher education. SCHEV has taken issue with the statement in the resolution that “private companies around the state cite an inability to find qualified, trained staff to meet their employment needs.” See: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=101&typ=bil&val=sj32>

Alan Wurtzel had resigned from the Council and Jacob Lutz was appointed to fill his spot. Here is his bio: <http://www.schev.edu/council/chebios14.asp> . It is expected that Mary Haddad, Bob Ashby and Chris Milliken will not return to the SCHEV Council in after their terms end in 2010.

VAVCL update :

The VAVCL initiative has been removed from the Governor’s budget. It is not certain where the axe fell. The Virginia Virtual Computing Collaborative (V2C2), will continue to meet and seek cost sharing and grant options to continue its work. Discussion about the VAVCL indicated that pilots were getting good traction, thus assessment across participating institutions would be valuable. Software licensing represents a hurdle. A Virginia summit on software licensing for cloud computing might be valuable.

Sharon has been asked to give an update at the HECIO meeting, which will take place on March 18 at the ACCS conference. That update will now include a discussion about the cost to students of not being able to access professional software. When software is not available, faculty and students are driven to lost cost alternatives. Between now and then, Sharon also will talk with the HECIO meeting organizer to determine if it would be possible to invite software licensing experts from the various institutions to that meeting.

When the minutes of the VAVCL summit are available, they will be shared with the LTAC team.

ACCS attendees who are also VAVCL member institutions will meet at the ACCS conference on Wednesday afternoon, March 17.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

The next LTAC meeting will be held on April 19, 2010 in concert with the next ECVA meeting. Meeting location is to be determined.