

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MAY 9, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 70**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Executive Committee to order at 8:10 a.m. in the Byrd Board Room of Mary M. Henkel Hall, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Jean Cunningham, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Margaret Lewis, Christine Milliken, Bittle Porterfield, Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Ellie Boyd, Tom Daley, Alan Edwards, Daniel LaVista, Lee Ann Rung, and Elizabeth Wallace. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as amended with the following additions:

Ms. Milliken requested a discussion of the possible bird flu pandemic and its effect on colleges and universities.

Mr. Porterfield requested a discussion of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

Dr. LaVista requested a preliminary discussion of the Council meeting schedule for 2007.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Dr. LaVista provided a brief report and said he would give an update on the Academic Affairs and Planning Director search process in the executive session.

**UPDATE ON SCHEV BUDGET**

Ms. Boyd distributed a copy of the agency budget for FY2006, including actual expenditures as of March 31, 2006. She indicated that the budget is on track as the year-end approaches, and Mr. Daley answered questions from Committee members.

## **UPDATE ON RECTORS' MEETING**

Dr. LaVista had provided to the Council, via email, a summary of the feedback received as a result of the recent Rectors' meeting. He reported that very positive responses were received and most felt SCHEV staff should continue to hold the yearly meetings. It was also suggested that the custom of holding sessions for new Boards of Visitors (BOV) members be revived. After some discussion, it was decided that two meetings per year should be held. One meeting would be for the Rectors, with a similar format to the April meeting. The second meeting would be for new BOV members and Vice Rectors. Staff was asked to find a date this fall to hold the second meeting. It was also suggested that a program be developed that would allow Council members to attend BOV meetings on campus and explain SCHEV's role in higher education. Dr. LaVista agreed to explore these ideas and provide feedback at the next meeting.

## **SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Mr. Wurtzel appointed Mr. Porterfield to chair a committee to decide on nominations for the Council elections in July. Because Mr. Porterfield's term expires June 30, Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Lewis were also asked to work with Mr. Porterfield and bring forth nominations in July. **The appointment of Mr. Porterfield, Ms. Cunningham, and Ms. Lewis to the nominating committee was unanimously approved.**

## **APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2006 AGENDA**

The agenda for the July 11 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Clement suggested that while the Council is in Southside Virginia, a session could be added on Monday, July 10 for the Council to have an exchange of ideas with the three organizations currently proposing programs in the area. It was decided that Dr. LaVista would invite the directors from these three organizations to provide information similar to what was presented to the presidents at the General and Professional Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting recently. Dr. LaVista will also work with Mr. Clement on developing an agenda for the meeting.

The following agenda was approved with the understanding that changes could be made between the Executive Director and the Chairman:

**Tuesday, July 11, 2006**  
**Southern Virginia Higher Education Center**  
**South Boston, Virginia**  
**AGENDA**

**Executive Committee**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 9, 2006)
3. Liaison Report
4. Action on Council Meeting Schedule for 2007
5. Update on SCHEV Budget
6. Approval of September 12, 2006 Agenda

**Academic Affairs Committee**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 9, 2006)
3. Liaison Report
4. Action on Programs at Public Institutions
5. Presentation on Core Competencies
6. Update on Committee Priorities
  - Staff Recommendation on Persistence
  - Update on Technology
  - Action on Program Approval Process

**Resources Committee**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 9, 2006)
3. Liaison Report
4. Action on Full Cost Report
5. Discussion of Budget /Legislative
6. Initiatives for 2006-08 Biennium
7. Discussion of Resources Committee Issues/  
Agenda for Next Meeting

### **Outreach Committee**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2006)
3. Discussion of Outstanding Faculty Awards
4. Discussion of SCHEV's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **Council Meeting**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (May 9, 2006)
3. Remarks by Ted Bennett
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Delegated Items by Director/Staff
6. Public Comment Period
7. Council Elections
8. Presentation by the Virtual Library of Virginia
  
9. Report from Executive Committee
10. Report from Resources Committee
11. Report from Academic Affairs Committee
12. Report from Outreach Committee
13. New Business

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Milliken asked about SCHEV's role in the event of a bird flu pandemic. Staff was asked to look at the state's Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan, as well as the plan from the Center for Disease Control and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Porterfield and Dr. LaVista reported on a meeting they attended recently with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities in Charlottesville. The Foundation provides programs about the preservation of culture and history of the Commonwealth and is embarking on an encyclopedia of Virginia. Their radio program entitled "With Good Reason" highlights the work of college professors. Mr. Porterfield felt the programming they provide would be an organized way of promoting the value of higher education in the Commonwealth. Dr. LaVista will follow up with the staff at the Foundation and perhaps at a later date, bring a proposal to the Council on possible collaborative efforts. It was suggested that staff explore the possibility of allowing the private institutions to participate.

Dr. LaVista distributed a list of college campuses that the Council has visited over the last 7 years and asked for input from the Council about locations for 2007. The

Council members indicated that they still prefer to travel to three locations per year, including two public institutions and one private institution. After some discussion, it was decided that staff would contact Richard Bland College and Norfolk State University to see if they would be willing to host the Council in 2007. A proposed schedule of meetings and locations will be brought to the July meeting for approval.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Wurtzel announced that in accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, the Executive Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia would convene in executive session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss personnel and performance matters.

The Executive Committee reconvened from the executive session at 10:00 a.m. A roll call vote was taken on a resolution certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the executive session. The resolution passed by a vote of 8-0 and is attached.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Alan L. Wurtzel  
Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 38**

**MEETING DATE: May 9, 2006**

**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, §2.2-3711 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby certifies that, to the best of each members' knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

***VOTE***

**AYES:**        8 (*Clement, Cunningham, Dyke, Elrod, Lewis, Milliken, Porterfield, Wurtzel*)

**NAYS:**        0

Alan L. Wurtzel  
Chairman  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MAY 9, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 31**

Ms. Milliken called the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Henkel Hall at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

Council members present: Mimi Elrod, Margaret Lewis, Christine Milliken (Chair), Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Darlene Derricott, Alan Edwards, Lorraine Lintecum, Monica Osei, Maricel Quintana-Baker, Stephen Scott, Linda Woodley. Other: Anthony Meredith, Office of the Attorney General.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the agenda as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of March 14, 2006, as submitted.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Dr. Alan Edwards reported the following Academic Affairs activities:

**Section Personnel Changes**

Dr. Edwards reported: (1) the establishment and filling of a part-time administrative assistant position to support the Academic Affairs and Planning section; (2) an expectation that the part-time administrative assistant position for the No Child Left Behind grant would be re-staffed soon; and (3) in the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education section, the refilling of the fiscal specialist position, the establishment and filling of a new compliance specialist position, and the promotion of Ms. Keondra Nicholas to the certification manager position.

**Program-proposal Training**

Dr. Edwards reported that Dr. Monica Osei conducted a degree-program-proposal training session for representatives from the 15 public universities and one VCCS institution on April 7, 2006. The procedures and requirements outlined in SCHEV's program-approval guidelines were discussed, and an overview and detailed information to assist in proposal completion and submission were provided. He noted that attendees had provided positive comments and feedback on the training

and on Dr. Osei's efforts to assist institutions with the process and to provide guidance on the policy.

#### Outstanding Faculty Awards

Dr. Edwards informed the committee that the Call for Nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Faculty Awards had been issued on May 1, 2006, with a submission deadline of October 6, 2006. He noted that categories of awards had been created for the 2007 awards. In addition to the usual "Rising Star" and "Teaching with Technology" awards, several awards based on institutional type are to be issued -- one for research/doctoral institutions, one for masters/comprehensive/baccalaureate institutions, and one for two-year institutions. The remaining seven awards are to be under the category of "at-large" awards. Dr. Edwards indicated that the categories had been instituted in consultation with the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC) and the Council's Outreach Committee in an effort to ensure more diversity in the recipient pool. He applauded the work of Dr. Stephen Scott on revising the guidelines and on issuing the Call for Nominations in such a timely manner.

#### Private and Out-of-state Postsecondary Education (POPE)

Dr. Edwards noted the significant efforts of POPE coordinator, Ms. Linda Woodley, and her staff with the recent public comment period and public hearing on the Proposed Regulations (on which Council action was sought later in the agenda). He informed the committee that a fact-finding hearing had been conducted in March via telephone with legal counsel for the Sherwood Institute, which sought an exemption from certification. In follow up to a previous report, Dr. Edwards indicated that a teach-out for students of the defunct Americare School of Nursing was being arranged by POPE staff, with assistance from the Office of the Attorney General. He also noted that Ms. Woodley had recently attended the conference of the National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS).

#### GEAR UP

Dr. Edwards reported that Dr. Gary Krapf had represented SCHEV at a late-April meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in Atlanta to discuss how the 16 SREB states might collaborate to offer GEAR UP services more efficiently. He also indicated an expectation that a decision regarding the funding status of SCHEV's six-year GEAR UP proposal would be received in mid-July.

#### ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

Dr. Edwards reported that Virginia's institutional coordinators for the SREB Academic Common Market (ACM) program met at SCHEV offices on May 6, 2006, for a training and refresher workshop. The agenda had included an overview of the ACM and Virginia's participation, the policies and procedures of the ACM, the ACM process at the institutional level as well as the central coordinator's function, the SREB Electronic Campus and its relationship to the ACM, and a report of activities from the recent annual meeting of the ACM state coordinators at SREB in Atlanta.

### Staff Publication

Dr. Edwards concluded his report by noting that a professional paper by staff member Craig Herndon had been accepted by, and would be published in the first issue of, the peer-reviewed electronic journal of the Virginia Assessment Group Research and Practice in Assessment. Entitled "Peer Review and Organizational Learning: Improving the Assessment of Student Learning," Mr. Herndon's article describes the process developed by SCHEV staff for evaluating institutional plans to assess student competency in Oral Communication and Critical Thinking; it concludes with recommendations for improving the use of peer review in planning for the assessment of student learning.

Ms. Milliken asked that copies of the article be distributed to Council members upon its publication.

### **ACTION ON PERMANENT REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

Ms. Milliken provided background information regarding the proposed permanent regulations. Ms. Woodley briefed the committee on the feedback received during the public comment period and at the April 10, 2006, public hearing and noted minor changes in the regulations document. The committee directed staff to add requirements related to schools' provision of certain student percentages, to revise a definition, and to proof the final document for grammatical and/or formatting issues. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following revised resolution and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts as the Final Regulations the current version of Proposed Regulations 8 VAC 40-31 et. Seq. pertaining to the certification of private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions, pending the Academic Affairs Committee chair's review of revisions requested by the Council, and delegates to the Executive Director the authority to make revisions during the final review process required by the Administrative Process Act.**

### **ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

#### George Mason University -- Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

Ms. Milliken provided a brief overview of the degree program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Neuroscience (CIP: 39.2401), effective spring 2007.**

Virginia State University -- Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Ms. Milliken provided a brief overview of the degree program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia State University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0199), effective fall 2006.**

Old Dominion University -- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Ms. Milliken provided a brief overview of the degree program. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Old Dominion University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Chemistry (CIP: 40.0501), effective fall 2006.**

Virginia Commonwealth University -- Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Dr. Shelly Lane, Assistant Dean for Research in the VCU School of Allied Health Professions and Chair of Patient Counseling, explained that the proposed degree program would focus on leadership more than therapy-related content in order to prepare and allow its graduates to go beyond the parameters of the occupational therapy arena. She further explained the needs of, and national trends for, the next generation of leaders in healthcare systems. She pointed out that the proposed program had not been designed to focus on research but rather to prepare leaders who could address pressing issues, such as legislative issues, staffing shortages and other healthcare demands. Dr. Lane also noted that VCU would no longer offer the Baccalaureate degree after 2007.

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.) degree program in Occupational Therapy (CIP: 51.2306), effective fall 2006.**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University -- Doctor of Philosophy in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis

Ms. Milliken provided a brief overview of the program and welcomed representatives of the institution. Dr. Larry Grossman, Professor and Head of Virginia Tech's Department of Geography, explained that this proposed program would differ from another in the state because its focus would be on analysis rather than the natural sciences. He added that this program would require field work and would meet current market demands in Virginia.

Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis (CIP: 45.0701), effective fall 2006.**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University -- Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric and Writing

In response to several questions about Virginia Tech's justification for the proposed program, Dr. Carolyn Rude informed the committee about communication across cultures and about what she and others believe colleges should be doing in this field of inquiry. She further emphasized that empirical data derived from science and technology do not move social change.

Motion made and seconded, the committee approved the following resolution on a three (yeah - Milliken, Lewis, Wurtzel) to one (nay - Elrod) vote and forwarded to full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Rhetoric and Writing (CIP: 23.0101), effective fall 2006.**

**UPDATE ON COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

Persistence

Dr. Worth Pickering, Director of University Assessment at Old Dominion University (ODU) provided a handout to the committee entitled, "*Designing a University College to Enhance Student Learning and Improve Academic Performance, Retention, and Graduation Rates of Millennial Students*" and talked about ways of addressing retention and persistence. He suggested one way to improve persistence would be

to move from focusing on teaching to focusing more on student learning; he indicated that this transition could be accomplished by establishing a student-centered learning environment called a university college. A university college can address student issues like low academic engagement, academic difficulty and first year advising experiences. He briefly described university colleges as student learning centers for advising, academic resources and services, career planning and general education courses, and first year orientation, summer reading and residential learning programs.

Dr. Jon Steingass, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs in VCU's College of Humanities and Sciences and Dean of its University College, discussed VCU's plans for a university college to serve all first-year students. He explained that the expected outcomes included students spending more time studying, more student satisfaction with academic advising and students making more informed educational and major-selection decisions.

The university college at ODU is scheduled to start July 2006 and VCU fall 2006. The committee thanked both for their presentations and encouraged them to report their results after the first year of services have been provided.

Ms. Milliken explained that persistence has been one of three priorities the committee has engaged in for the past year. She asked staff to consider what next steps the committee should take such as issues, questions, cutting ideas, best practices, research challenges, one day conference, publications and any legislative issues or funding requirements. Staff was requested to report back at the July 2006 meeting.

### Technology

Dr. Edwards reported briefly on state-level initiatives in Ohio, Hawaii and North Carolina related to technology-driven course redesigns facilitated by the National Center for Academic Transformation.

Ms Milliken noted that these states appear to be focusing on redesigning mathematics courses and that, at SCHEV's meeting with board rectors, the key technology-related discussion issues were increased learning outcomes, cost savings and access. She also noted that the gaming sector is trying to get into the educational sector and that Virginia is looking for partnering, especially with faculty.

### Program Approval

Staff was directed to add its proposed program-approval process change to the July, 2006, agenda as an action item.

### **Presentation by Assessment of Student Learning Task Force**

The committee extended an apology to the task force's representatives, as the Committee's meeting time had expired prior to the presentation. The presentation was carried over to the full Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Christine T. Milliken  
Chair

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Darlene Derricott  
Committee Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MAY 9, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 62**

Mr. Dyke called the Resources Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. in Room 109 of Mary M. Henkel Hall, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Jean Cunningham, Jim Dyke, Bittle Porterfield, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Jim Alessio, Lee Andes, Tom Daley, Dan Hix, Lee Ann Rung, and Elizabeth Wallace.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as amended. Mr. Dyke added three items relating to the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program that had been discussed at the Private College Advisory Committee meeting on May 8. The items include in-state tuition for military dependents as related to TAG; undergraduate/graduate ratio for TAG awards; and the use of surplus funds from the TAG program.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**LIAISON REPORT**

In response to a question raised at the last meeting, Mr. Hix distributed information about affordability. The information included a recap of the last 15 years of general fund support for higher education in Virginia. This topic was also discussed at the recent Rectors' meeting.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG)**

Mr. Andes was asked to address the new legislation that would require in-state tuition for military dependents. Mr. Andes distributed a copy of the Code language, and there was some discussion about the intention of the new legislation as it relates to TAG. Mr. Porterfield suggested that staff obtain an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General (AG) to determine if the intent of the legislation is to make those students eligible for TAG funding. Staff was directed to provide the AG's response to committee members via email, in the event that any further discussion may be needed before the July Council meeting.

There was some discussion of surplus funds from the TAG program. Mr. Andes recommended that the funds be carried over to next year. After consultation with various staff in the Executive Branch, staff determined that while there is no guarantee, there is little perceived risk to the remaining balance if the funds are carried forward. The Committee agreed to carry over the funds.

There was some discussion of the ratio of undergraduate/graduate TAG grants, and Mr. Andes provided the current ratio information to the Committee. While there is language in the Appropriation Act that authorizes the Council to determine the award differential, it was decided that staff would document the basis for the proposed TAG budget actions by the Governor and General Assembly, thereby establishing legislative intent. Staff was also asked to include this topic in an agenda item for discussion at the July meeting.

### **ACTION ON ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH GRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM (CGEP)**

Mr. Hix provided background on the CGEP program and said it is the state's longest running distance education cooperative program. Dr. James Groves provided an update on the changing technology that is being used in this program to enhance the quality of education delivery. Plans are underway to share courses in nanotechnology, beginning in 2007. While part of the cost will be funded through a National Science Foundation grant, it remains to be seen whether the \$150,000 per year proposed by the House of Delegates will become a reality in the 2006-08 biennium. Dr. Groves expressed thanks to JCOTS, SCHEV, and VRTAC for endorsing the need for additional funding for nanotechnology. On motion by Mr. Porterfield and seconded by Ms. Cunningham, the following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2006-07 Commonwealth Graduate Engineering program operating plans and recommends to the Governor that the appropriated funds be released to operate the program.**

### **ACTION ON INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Andes provided information about the Institution of Psychological Science, and reported that the institution has met the requirements for participation in the TAG program. A representative from the Institute was present and provided additional information to the Committee. On motion by Ms. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Porterfield, the following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the request by the Institute of Psychological Sciences to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program as of the 2007-08 award year.

**UPDATE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET ACTIONS**

Mr. Hix indicated that there was nothing to report, since the final budget has not been approved by the legislature.

**DISCUSSION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE ISSUES/AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Dyke recognized the fact that this was Mr. Porterfield's last committee meeting before his term expires on the Council. Mr. Dyke thanked Mr. Porterfield for his strong advocacy for higher education and indicated that the Council members will miss his presence. Mr. Porterfield expressed his praise for the high quality of membership on the Council as well as the SCHEV staff. He said this was a direct result of appointments made by the Council and the Governor in recognition of the importance of higher education in the Commonwealth. Mr. Porterfield provided his good wishes to the Council and staff for their future work on behalf of higher education.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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James Dyke  
Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 506**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Council meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. in the Byrd Board Room of Mary M. Henkel Hall, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Jean Cunningham, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Margaret Lewis, Christine Milliken, Bittle Porterfield, Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Jim Alessio, Lee Andes, Ellie Boyd, Tom Daley, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Daniel LaVista, Lee Ann Rung, Stephen Scott, and Elizabeth Wallace. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended. As there were no requests for public comment, this item was stricken from the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT DAVIS**

Mr. Wurtzel thanked Dr. Davis for the warm welcome extended to the Council during its visit to Shenandoah University. Mr. Davis informed the Council that the university was founded in 1875, but many changes occurred just over the last 15-18 years. Current total enrollment is 3,000 students. Dr. Davis explained the many unique partnerships in which the university is involved, both within the community and in other surrounding counties.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. LaVista reported that he met recently with the newly-formed Virginia Out-of-State Nonprofit Colleges and Universities (VONCU) group to discuss their strong commitment to adult learners.

In cooperation with the Secretary of Education and the public institutions, SCHEV is exploring the possibility of a statewide conference next year on at-risk students. It is

hoped that college and university personnel, state policymakers and national experts will participate in the conference.

Dr. LaVista also reported on the work of the P-16 Council, as well as current activities within the agency.

He also thanked Drs. Davis and Braaten for hosting both the PCAB meeting and the Council meeting.

### **DELEGATED ITEMS BY DIRECTOR/STAFF**

Dr. LaVista informed the Council of the Eminent Scholars allocation summary for 2006-07, as well as the organizational changes/off-campus instructional sites report for April-May 2006. Mr. Alessio provided an explanation of the Eminent Scholars allocation. As required, information regarding this item is included as part of the minutes.

### **ACTION ON DOMICILE GUIDELINES CHANGE**

Mr. Andes provided information about the legislative language contained in SB542 and the recommended amendments to the Domicile Guidelines. The legislation requires SCHEV to amend the Domicile Guidelines by July 1, 2006. As a result, emergency regulations are needed. An opportunity for further review of the regulations will come later. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the draft amendments as presented by staff and non-substantive changes recommended by the institutions or changes requested by the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, or the patron of SB542.**

### **RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Wurtzel thanked Mr. Porterfield for his service to the Council, and a framed copy of the resolution was read and presented to him. Mr. Porterfield said it was an honor to serve as a member of the Council. He complimented his fellow Council members, as well as Dr. LaVista and the SCHEV staff for their dedication to higher education.

Resolutions were also prepared for Mr. Jordan and Mr. Abramson thanking them for their service to the Council. Neither of them was in attendance. Therefore, staff was asked to mail them their framed resolutions. Mr. Wurtzel explained that a resolution was not prepared for Ms. Milliken because he is hopeful that she will be reappointed when her appointment expires on June 30. The resolutions are included as a part of the minutes.

## **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wurtzel reported that the Executive Committee received information on the agency's budget.

The Committee also discussed the recent Rectors' meeting, and decided to hold an annual meeting in the spring for Rectors in a format comparable to this year's meeting. Additionally, the Committee decided to schedule an orientation session for new Rectors. The Committee also raised the possibility of asking Council members to attend a Board of Visitors meeting, along with a SCHEV staff member, to bring board members up to date on current higher education issues.

The Chairman appointed a nominating committee to bring forth nominations for Council chairman and Vice Chairman at the July meeting. Mr. Porterfield will chair the nominating committee, and work with Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Lewis.

The Executive Committee also discussed the possible bird flu pandemic, and staff was requested to explore SCHEV's responsibilities in the event of a pandemic.

Mr. Porterfield started conversations with Virginia Foundation for the Humanities about the possibility of providing important communication about higher education to the public. Staff will bring forth a specific proposal to the Council at a future meeting.

In an executive session, the Executive Committee received an update from the Executive Director about the candidates for the Director of Academic Affairs and Planning position. A discussion about the upcoming JLARC report with regard to termination pay and compensation was also held in executive session. Also in executive session, the Executive Committee recommended approval of a 5% bonus for the Executive Director. Dr. LaVista was commended for an outstanding job. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, pursuant to the 2005 Virginia Acts of Assembly § 4-6.01, grants SCHEV Executive Director Daniel LaVista a 5% bonus for the time period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.**

## **REPORT FROM RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Dyke said the Resources Committee received a report from Dr. James Groves about the CGEP program. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the 2006-07 Commonwealth Graduate Engineering program operating plans and recommends to the Governor that the appropriated funds be released to operate the program.

Mr. Dyke indicated that the Institute of Psychological Sciences has met the criteria for participation in the TAG program. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the request by the Institute of Psychological Sciences to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program as of the 2007-08 award year.

Mr. Dyke also reported that the Resources Committee discussed the ambiguity of the new legislation for military dependents as it relates to TAG. Staff was asked to get clarification from the General Assembly.

### **REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Milliken noted that the name of the program at Virginia Tech should be Geospatial Analysis.

The following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council:

#### *Action on Programs at Public Institutions*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to George Mason University to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Neuroscience (CIP: 39.2401), effective spring 2007.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Commonwealth University to initiate a Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.) degree program in Occupational Therapy (CIP: 51.2306), effective fall 2006.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Old Dominion University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Chemistry (CIP: 40.0501), effective fall 2006.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis (CIP: 45.0701), effective fall 2006.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Rhetoric and Writing (CIP: 23.0101), effective fall 2006.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia State University to initiate a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0199), effective fall 2006.

*Action on Permanent Regulations for Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Institutions*

Ms. Milliken provided background information about the proposed regulations and the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia adopts as the Final Regulations the current version of Proposed Regulations 8 VAC 40-31 et. Seq. pertaining to the certification of private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions, pending the Academic Affairs Committee chair's review of revisions requested by the Council, and delegates to the Executive Director the authority to make revisions during the final review process required by the Administrative Process Act.

The Academic Affairs Committee also had a discussion on persistence.

Dr. Scott introduced Dr. Worth Pickering from Old Dominion University and Dr. Anderson from Blue Ridge Community College and they presented information to the Council about the top ten things about student learning. The information will be available on the SCHEV website. Mr. Wurtzel asked for greater detail about the methodology used in student learning and suggested that it could be the subject of a future Rectors' meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Alan L. Wurtzel  
Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary

**Items Delegated to Director/Staff  
Reported to Council  
March 14, 2006**

Pursuant to the Council's request, the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

**Organizational Changes / Off-campus Instructional Sites  
January – March 2006**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Change / Site</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Virginia Commonwealth U.	Renaming of the Department of Marketing and Business Law to become the <b>Department of Marketing</b>	Fall 2006
George Mason U.	Reorganization of the College of Nursing and Health Science to create the <b>College of Health and Human Services</b> . The <b>Department of Social Work</b> has been moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to the new College of Health and Human Services	July 1, 2006

## Bittle W. Porterfield, III

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bittle W. Porterfield, III was appointed to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia beginning on July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as Vice Chairman of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Chairman of the Resources Committee, and as a member of every other Council Committee, including the Executive Committee, Outreach Committee, and Academic Affairs Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, he played a vital role in the 2004-2005 restructuring of Virginia's system of higher education, both as a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and as a member of the SJR90 Joint Subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Porterfield's efforts have won the respect and admiration of numerous stakeholders vital to the well-being of higher education and beneficial to the Council's ability to carry out its mission; and

**WHEREAS**, he firmly upheld the belief that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia should serve as the "objective third party" voice for Virginia higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Porterfield's effective leadership has guided the Council's continuing support for accessibility and accountability within the Commonwealth's esteemed higher education system; and

**WHEREAS**, he has demonstrated an extraordinary vision, which illustrates true leadership and dedication in serving Virginia's system of higher education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia extends its deepest gratitude to **Bittle W. Porterfield, III** for his incomparable dedication to higher education in the Commonwealth.

Alan L. Wurtzel  
*Chairman*

Daniel J. LaVista  
*Executive Director*

*--Approved this ninth day of May, 2006  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*

## Daniel R. Abramson

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Daniel R. Abramson was appointed to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia in July 2005 and resigned in March 2006, following his appointment to the Board of Visitors at the University of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served on the Academic Affairs Committee and the Outreach Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Abramson's business expertise and acumen provided both the committees he served on and the Council with valuable insight in advancing Virginia through higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, his commitment to active service as a member of the Outreach Committee is evident through his work to ensure the success of Council initiatives and events, including the agency's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and its recognition of Virginia's outstanding faculty;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia extends its sincerest gratitude to **Daniel R. Abramson** for his distinguished service and commitment to advancing higher education in the Commonwealth.

Alan L. Wurtzel  
*Chairman*

Daniel J. LaVista  
*Executive Director*

*--Approved this ninth day of May, 2006  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*

## Harold E. Jordan

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Harold E. Jordan was appointed to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on the Executive Committee, as well as the Academic Affairs Committee and Outreach Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jordan's prior experience serving on several higher education boards and his interest in the K-12 arena contributed to the important work of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, his intelligent questioning and out-of-the-box thinking have consistently provided the Council with provocative and stimulating views; and

**WHEREAS**, he has demonstrated a vision that has assisted the Council in carrying out its mission of enriching the Virginia system of higher education during a critical time of change for the Commonwealth's colleges and universities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia extends its gratitude to **Harold E. Jordan** for his dedication to higher education in the Commonwealth.

Alan L. Wurtzel  
*Chairman*

Daniel J. LaVista  
*Executive Director*

*--Approved this ninth day of May, 2006  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*