

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 17, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 73**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Executive Committee to order at 8:10 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Mimi Elrod, Christine Milliken, Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Tom Daley, Alan Edwards, Daniel LaVista, Tod Massa, and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Dr. LaVista updated the Committee on the status of SCHEV's proposed budget items. Out of six proposed, five are being considered for inclusion in the Governor's budget. The item that was not included is the Office of Learning Technology for \$600,000. Dr. LaVista has learned that the item has been grouped together with a number of items from other agencies classified as "new money requests." Secretary Morris understands and supports the Council's request and understands SCHEV's priority of it. The Committee requested that a letter to the Governor be sent that all members present will sign. Staff will draft the letter and provide it to the Council before the end of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO COUNCIL BYLAWS**

Mr. Wurtzel explained that the requested change to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the entire Council. Therefore, the item will be brought to the full Council for approval.

**UPDATE ON SCHEV BUDGET**

Mr. Daley distributed the FY2007 Total Appropriation and Actual Expenditures for the period ending August 31, 2006 in Ms. Boyd's absence. He also updated the Committee on the status of the agency's vacant positions.

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2007 AGENDA**

The proposed agenda for the January meeting was reviewed and discussed. It was decided that the Executive Committee will meet the afternoon prior to the Council meeting and after meeting individually, the Academic Affairs Committee and the Resources Committee would come back together to discuss jointly the items brought before each committee. The strategic planning committee was also added to the agenda. The above changes to the January agenda will be made by the Executive Director and the Chairman.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Milliken inquired about the next steps with regard to assessment. She indicated that she plans to attend a meeting in November with the Instructional Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC). She inquired whether the Council should approve the availability of consulting funds for assistance in this area. Dr. LaVista will work with the new Director of Academic Affairs and Planning on both the strategic planning and assessment processes. He also agreed to discuss with Ms. Milliken the direction and next steps before focusing on the possible need for consulting services.

Mr. Clement mentioned that the Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet in the main conference room following the Outreach Committee today.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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Alan L. Wurtzel  
Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 17, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 34**

Ms. Milliken called the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the SCHEV Main Conference Room on the 9th Floor of the James Monroe Building in downtown Richmond.

Council members present: B.R. (Bob) Ashby, Mimi Elrod, Margaret Lewis, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken (Chair), Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Darlene Derricott, Alan Edwards, Craig Herndon, Daniel LaVista, Monica Osei, Stephen Scott.

Ms. Milliken welcomed new committee member, Susan Magill.

**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 September 12, 2006, as submitted.

**LIAISON REPORT**

In the interest of time, Dr. Edwards deferred his report of Academic Affairs activities and yielded the floor to Dr. LaVista, who made a key staffing announcement.

Dr. LaVista reported that SCHEV had recruited Dr. Joseph G. DeFilippo to be the next Director of Academic Affairs and Planning. He stated that Dr. DeFilippo, who would be starting on December 1, held a Bachelor of Arts in Classics from Cornell University and a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Classics from Princeton University. Dr. DeFilippo would be joining SCHEV by way of the State University of New York (SUNY) system office, where he had gained significant relevant experience in academic program approvals, mission review and enrollment planning. Dr. LaVista noted that Dr. Edwards would serve in a mentoring role during Dr. DeFilippo's transition.

**ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

University of Virginia – Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)

Ms. Milliken provided a brief overview of the proposed program. University staff indicated that the program had been designed for UVA undergraduates who desired to pursue graduate work in Public Policy at the university. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it 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 Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) degree program (CIP: 44.0501), effective fall 2007.**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Humanities, Science, and Environment

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### **ACTIONS ON DEGREE ESCALATION**

Ms. Milliken reminded the committee that it had reviewed the Council's degree-escalation policy at its September 2006, meeting, and that this agenda item was the Council's first revisit of the policy since 1994.

ACTION ON DEGREE-ESCALATION REQUEST (RADFORD UNIVERISTY – DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY)

Members welcomed Radford president Penelope Kyle, and she introduced several university staff. Provost Ivelaw Griffith responded to the external-review committee's report, and more specifically, to the three points listed in the committee's recommendations (see page 40). Dr. Griffith emphasized that the Doctor of Psychology degree would not be a research degree and that the university's intent was to focus on clinical practice to meet the mental health needs of Virginia's rural communities. He stated that this degree program at this degree level would: strengthen the curricular infrastructure at Radford University, which is highly recognized for its counseling psychology program; would provide additional, much-needed mental-health professionals to work in Southwest, Virginia; and address the need for more mental health practitioners at the federal and state level.

The committee requested that Radford University report on the graduates of this program during the next program-productivity/viability review cycle. Members commended and applauded the institution's effort to change with the times, and more importantly, for addressing the urgent mental health needs in the rural communities of Southwest, Virginia. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Radford University to initiate one program at the doctoral level, specifically a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree program in Counseling Psychology (CIP: 42.0601), effective fall 2007, contingent upon final authorization by the General Assembly.**

#### ACTION ON DEGREE-ESCALATION POLICY

The committee reviewed revisions to the degree-escalation policy offered by staff in response to input provided by the committee at the September 12, 2006, meeting. The committee found that the three minor revisions adequately captured its concerns and intentions regarding the policy. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education hereby amends its guidelines for the degree-escalation requests of public institutions to include a criterion regarding mission fit/relevance as well as notification and involvement of the Council's Academic Affairs Committee earlier in the review process.**

#### ACTION ON TRANSFER GUIDELINES

Ms. Milliken provided background and referred committee members to the *Guidelines for Transfer, Articulation, and Dual Admission*. Dr. Edwards noted that the guidelines had been developed by staff, in consultation with the State Committee on Transfer, in response to two pieces of recent legislation. Academic Affairs associate, Mr. Craig Herndon, spoke briefly about the document and its attempt to fulfill the requirements and expectations of both House Bill 57 and Senate Bill 538 from the 2006 General Assembly session. Mr. Herndon stated also that the transfer-guidelines document had been shared with the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (chief academic officers) and that Guideline #9 was aligned with the Restructuring Act. Several chief academic officers were present and shared their perspectives on the roles of the institutions. Motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously approved the following resolution and forwarded it to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the Guidelines for Transfer, Articulation, and Dual Admission.**

### **DISCUSSION OF ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING**

Ms. Milliken noted that Virginia had, for quite some time, been on the cutting edge of student-learning assessment and that the state was at a crucial policy point regarding such assessment in the future. The committee was updated briefly on the outcomes of its September 2006, meeting and received a report on institutions' core-competency assessment efforts from the Assessment of Student Learning Task Force; no members of the Task Force were in attendance.

Ms. Milliken introduced Dr. Geoff Feiss, provost at the College of William and Mary. Dr. Feiss spoke on the net positives of assessment for institutions. Specifically, he noted that assessment is a means of accountability to boards, students, parents, and the citizens of the Commonwealth and as a means of assuring that institutions' educational outcomes are mission appropriate. He further noted that all institutions are committed to robust, formative, on-going, process-oriented and authentic institution-level assessment of student learning. Dr. Feiss summarized that assessment systems should be reproductive; results should be applied to student learning; on-going cycles should be in place to collect data; processes should be transparent, thus allowing administrators to make decisions; and measures should be of learning experiences and not of institutions.

Dr. Feiss commented that institutional assessment designs are more appropriate if they meet the needs of institutions' individual cultures and capture their rich diversity. Value-added methods would focus more on the student experience, serve different audiences (students and families) and provide information to governing boards, policymakers and faculty.

Dr. Feiss commented that the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC) sees student learning as the center of what each institution does. He cautioned that attempts to measure student learning with standardized tests would likely result in low reliability of results, sampling problems and motivational problems with students. Dr. Feiss stated that value-added assessment should be done without standardized testing and that it should not interfere with core mission of institutions.

Dr. Feiss noted other concerns with the development of assessment guidelines, including that standards are outlined in the Restructuring Act under goal D, procedural matters (e.g., chief academic officers should have been involved earlier in the process), and that the cost of conducting assessment is difficult to determine.

The committee requested that Dr. Feiss share a copy of his notes with the members via Dr. Edwards and also asked him to convene a meeting with the chief academic officers for the afternoon of November 16 to discuss this matter further. Staff and institutional representatives informed the committee that an IPAC meeting was scheduled for November 17 at Christopher Newport University. Several committee members expressed their concerns that restructuring is a way of affirming the mission of the institutions, that assessment is neither straightforward nor easy, that the focus should be on student learning, that assessment should also have an interest for state and business leaders, and that the methodology should focus more on the benefit rather than the number. The involvement of faculty should also be a factor in assessment. The committee noted that it was interested in student outcomes and was looking for two or three models at the national portfolio level.

### **UPDATE ON NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

Ms. Milliken welcomed the program directors and congratulated them for being recipients of the 2006-07 Improving Teaching Quality State Grants awards. Dr. Edwards provided a brief overview of the program and informed the committee that approximately \$1.3 million had been awarded to eleven institutions of higher education to provide professional development to teachers, administrators and principals in high-need local educational agencies.

### **DISCUSSION OF CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

#### **Update on Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC)**

Dr. LaVista reported that letters of invitation to serve on the Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) would be mailed to potential members during the week of October 16, 2006. Approximately twenty faculty and administrative nominees had been received from presidents of public and private institutions. The committee will search for creative and innovative ways to use technology in the learning process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Christine T. Milliken  
Chair

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Darlene Derricott  
Committee Secretary

**COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 17, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 64**

Mr. Clement called the Resources Committee to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, James Monroe Building, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Whittington Clement, Jean Cunningham, Eva Hardy, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Tom Daley, Dan Hix, and Lee Ann Rung.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Mr. Hix reported on two legislative information requests that his staff will be working on over the next several weeks:

1. Responses to a staff survey designed to capture information on how institutions are responding to the 2006 legislation that created the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Educational Program (VMSDEP) are due October 24.
2. Staff will be soliciting input from the institutions concerning their budget requests for the 2007 General Assembly session. The information will be compiled and summarized by mid-November.

**ACTION ON 2006-08 SYSTEMWIDE OPERATING AND CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUDGET ITEMS**

*Base Adequacy*

Mr. Hix provided a brief overview of this item and explained the changes to the numbers that were discussed in September. We now have 3 years of actual data used to spread projected enrollment for this biennium thru 2008 and have run it through the model for every institution. Mr. Hix informed the Committee that SCHEV staff and VCCS staff had discussions on the full-time/part-time faculty ratio as a

result of discussions at the last meeting. Ms. Hardy stressed the importance of continued monitoring of this issue. Mr. Hix assured her this would be done.

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends an additional appropriation of \$96,290,326 from the general fund and \$70,287,367 from nongeneral funds for a total of \$166,577,693 in the 2006-08 biennium in order to reach full base funding by FY2008. This is consistent with the Council's long-term commitment to reach full base funding by FY2008.**

#### *Faculty Salaries*

Mr. Hix reviewed the two options and the following revised resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends additional appropriations of \$12,751,454 from the general fund and \$12,109,527 from nongeneral funds for a total of \$24,860,981 for faculty salary increases. This is consistent with the Council's long-term commitment to raise average faculty salaries to the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile goal by FY2008.**

#### *Operation and Maintenance of New Facilities Coming Online*

Mr. Hix informed the Committee that there have been no changes since the September meeting. Only the first year was addressed in the current budget. The following revised resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education recommends additional appropriations of \$4,941,356 from the general fund and \$4,701,984 from nongeneral funds for a total of \$9,643,340 for the operation and maintenance of new facilities coming on-line FY2008. This is consistent with the Council's long-term support of adequately funding the operation and maintenance of new facilities.**

#### *Undergraduate Student Financial Aid*

Mr. Hix reviewed the information as it had been presented at the September meeting and informed the Committee that it revisits the partnership model which has been discussed over the last few years and approved by the General Assembly. He indicated that if the College Scholarship Assistance Program (CSAP) for students with extreme need is funded, an adjustment will be made to the final numbers. The following revised resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the recommendation that funding for the undergraduate portion of the Virginia Student Financial Assistance Program be phased-in to meet 100 percent of funding goals by FY2010 with additional funding of \$43.1 million in FY2008, \$86.4 million in FY2009, and \$129.5 million in FY2008. This is consistent with the Council's goal of meeting 100 percent of funding by FY2010.**

*Maintenance Reserve*

Mr. Hix reviewed the deferred maintenance program recommendations. The following revised resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends an additional appropriation of \$77,196,102 from the general fund to the Maintenance Reserve program for higher education in FY2008. This is consistent with the Council's long-term support of the Maintenance Reserve program and the goal of bringing each campus to a Facilities Condition Index of "Good" over a ten-year period.**

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

Starting in January, the Governor's amendments to the budget will be brought to the full Council. Other discussion items will be handled in the Resources Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Whittington Clement  
Acting Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 20**

Mimi Elrod called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. in the Main Conference Room on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the James Monroe Building, Richmond. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Whittington Clement, Helen Dragas, Mimi Elrod, Eva Hardy, Margaret Lewis, Christine Milliken and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Daniel LaVista, Elizabeth Kersey, Kathleen Kincheloe and Stephen Scott.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

**UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS (OFA)**

Stephen Scott gave a brief update on the 2007 Outstanding Faculty Awards. He stated that a total of 95 nominations have been received. The peer review process is complete, and 46 individuals have been selected to review the packages before going on to the final selection process. Mr. Scott asked members of the committee think of individuals who may be interested in serving on the final selection process committee. The peer review process will be completed by November 20, 2006. The final selection committee will then decide on the 2007 awardees sometime during December 2006.

Ms. Kersey gave an update on the logistical portion of the upcoming Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony to be held on February 8, 2007. The ceremony will be held at the Library of Virginia with a program, reception and dinner. It was decided that this year's dinner would be for the Council, speakers, and the recipients and their invited guests only.

**UPDATE ON 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Elrod stated that the October 26<sup>th</sup> Shepherd Poverty Program event at Washington & Lee in Lexington, Virginia has been postponed. The program will be rescheduled for February, 2007.

However, preparations for the academic event at George Mason University are still underway. The event will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> as part of GMU's Vision Lecture Series. The speaker, Professor Rainald Lohner, will give a lecture entitled "Computational Sciences: The third Pillar of the Empirical sciences" at 8:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall of Mason's Center for the Arts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

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Mimi Elrod  
Chair

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Kathy Robinson  
Committee Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2006  
MINUTES**

Mr. Clement called the meeting to order 11:20 a.m. in the SCHEV Main Conference Room, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Whitt Clement, Mimi Elrod, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Dan LaVista and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

Dr. LaVista distributed materials, including the recommended committee charge and a list of suggested participants on the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

It was suggested that a representative from the Council of Presidents be solicited, and Dr. LaVista agreed to contact President Tribble for a recommendation. Additional suggested representatives included those from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, Boards of Visitors, and the healthcare and business community were also suggested. Dr. LaVista will draft an invitation to participate and send a letter under Mr. Clement's signature, to the proposed membership.

A timetable outlining the process was also distributed and discussed.

Staff was asked to include an explanation of the process and expectations of the Advisory Committee, along with the invitation letter.

Meetings of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and subcommittees will be held between January and March 2007. The final plan will be brought to the Council for approval in June 07.

Mr. Clement encouraged the members to send additional suggestions for membership to Dr. LaVista, particularly from the business community.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Whittington Clement  
Chairman

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Lee Ann Rung  
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2006  
MINUTES NO. 508**

Mr. Wurtzel called the Council meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Whittington Clement, Jean Cunningham, Mimi Elrod, Eva Hardy, Margaret Lewis, Susan Magill, Christine Milliken, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Tom Daley, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Elizabeth Kersey, Daniel LaVista, Tod Massa, and Lee Ann Rung. Anthony Meredith from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

**NOTE OF SADNESS**

Mr. Wurtzel announced the passing of Dr. Carl Kelly, SCHEV's former Chairman. He indicated that Dr. Kelly set a very high standard for the Council, and did so in a bipartisan way. Mr. Wurtzel indicated that the Council owes Dr. Kelly a debt of gratitude, and offered a moment of silence.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Ms. Susan Magill was introduced as a new member, and welcomed to the Council.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 12, 2006 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT SUAREZ**

Dr. LaVista introduced Dr. Terrance Suarez, President of Mountain Empire Community College. Dr. Suarez presented information about the "Achieving the Dream" program, which is a national initiative designed to improve student success for at-risk students at the community college level. He reviewed the data showing the success rate and answered questions from Council members.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. LaVista provided a presentation on the status of the strategic planning process. He reviewed the goals and reported on the progress that has been made since the last plan was developed in 2002. He reported that the next version of the statewide strategic plan will address specific and measurable goals, representing a new generation of higher education policy.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Dr. Barry Simmons provided background information on the Commonwealth College Access Network (CCAN) and invited the Council to attend an upcoming conference on December 4-6 in Richmond. Lee Andes, Linda Woodley, and Patrice Randall from SCHEV are involved with this organization. Dr. LaVista thanked Dr. Simmons for providing his expertise to the staff in complying with the Department of Education's Academic Competitiveness grant and the Smart Grant.

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

Dr. LaVista informed the Council of the Financial Feasibility Studies from public institutions that were received and reviewed by staff in accordance with Chapter 3, 2006 Virginia Acts of Assembly. As required, this information is included as part of these minutes. Mr. Daley answered questions from the members.

## **UPDATE ON GAINING EARLY ACCESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (GEAR UP)**

Dr. LaVista introduced Dr. Gary Krapf, who spoke about GEAR UP's role in the Commonwealth's goal to provide college access to students. Dr. Krapf introduced the GEAR UP staff who were present: Dr. Harvey Carmichael, Associate Director of Programs and Evaluation; Kim Waid, Assistant Director and Chief Program Officer; Patrice Randall, Scholarship Administrator; and Deborah Morgan, Administrative Assistant. Three regional managers were also introduced: Dr. Joyce Finnerty Lewis (Central region); Mr. Mike Willis (Piedmont Southside); and Alice Funk (Southwest). Ms. Funk was not present.

Dr. Krapf informed the Council that the program builds on and nurtures various partnerships, and spoke about the new 2006 GEAR UP grant. The new grant is the largest grant (\$306 million) funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Virginia is one of seven states awarded the 2006 GEAR UP grant, and will receive \$3 million in federal funds each year for the next six years, for a total of \$18 million through 2012.

Dr. Krapf informed the Council of the criteria for participation in the grant, and reported that 2800 students from 11 school divisions and 16 high schools have been served by the previous grant. The new cohort will serve 6,200 students from 47 schools within 26 divisions, and begin in 7<sup>th</sup> grade rather than high school.

Mr. Wurtzel asked that Dr. Krapf share statistics about the grant with the Council so that the members can better understand how successful the grant has been in affecting students.

### **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wurtzel indicated that the Executive Committee received an update on the SCHEV budget.

The Executive Committee recommended a change to the Council bylaws with regard to attendance and quorum issues. The following resolution, which requires a two-thirds vote of the entire Council, was unanimously approved by the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), pursuant to the SCHEV Bylaws Section Eight, following presentation in writing and discussion at the September 12, 2006 Council meeting, and following a three-quarters vote of the total Council membership at the October 17, 2006 SCHEV Council meeting, adopt the following amendment to the SCHEV Bylaws in Section Seven (Quorum), to be inserted immediately after the sentence "Fifty percent of committee members shall constitute a quorum.":**

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**"For purposes of constituting a quorum of any committee, the SCHEV chairman and/or the SCHEV vice chairman, when present, shall be considered members of that committee, entitled to take action within that committee."**

The Executive Committee discussed the budget proposal for an Office of Learning Technology. The Committee recommended that the Council send a letter to the Governor restating its support for this item and encouraging the Governor to keep it in his proposed budget. Staff prepared the letter and all members present signed it.

The Strategic Planning Committee met and approved a process for going forward with the systemwide strategic plan. Most of this information was included in Dr. LaVista's presentation.

The Executive Committee discussed a new meeting format for the Council meetings. This new format will begin in January. It will include moving the Executive Committee meeting to the afternoon prior to the Council meeting. The Executive Committee will meet from 5:00-6:30, followed by dinner, which may include a substantive topic for discussion. The Academic Affairs and Resources Committees agendas will be restructured to allow for the individual committees to discuss routine items and then come together to deal with items of a policy nature so that all members can be informed and participate. Committee chairs will work with staff to choose the appropriate placement of items for each agenda.

### **REPORT FROM RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

In Mr. Dyke's absence, Mr. Clement gave the Resources Committee report. He explained each item and the following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council:

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## **REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Milliken provided information about each of the items approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, and the following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council:

### *Programs and Public Institutions*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to the University of Virginia to initiate a Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) degree program (CIP: 44.0501), effective fall 2007.

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*Action on Degree Escalation*

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Ms. Milliken said the Academic Affairs committee discussed the basic guidelines on how degree-escalation programs would be addressed. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Council of Higher Education hereby amends its guidelines for the degree-escalation requests of public institutions to include a criterion regarding mission fit/relevance as well as notification and involvement of the Council's Academic Affairs Committee earlier in the review process.

### *Action on Transfer Guidelines*

Ms. Milliken indicated that the transfer policy has been an important focus of the Academic Affairs Committee. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the full Council:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the Guidelines for Transfer, Articulation, and Dual Admission**

Ms. Milliken also reported that the Committee discussed assessment and the recommendations from the committee on assessment. She felt this information should be shared with the entire Council. The Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC) will meet to discuss assessment at Christopher Newport University on November 17. Prior to this meeting, an informal work group will meet in Richmond on November 16. All Council members were invited to participate. A plan must be completed by January to implement the next round of six competencies.

### **REPORT FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Elrod reported that the Outreach Committee discussed the upcoming Outstanding Faculty Awards (OFA). Twelve awards will be granted this year. The event will be held on February 8 at the Library of Virginia, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the program, followed by a reception and dinner. To date, 95 nominations have been received. Forty-six individuals have agreed to serve on the peer review committee. The review process should be completed in early December. The selection committee will meet in mid-December to make the final decision on awards. All Council members were encouraged to serve on the committee.

Dr. Elrod said the Outreach Committee also discussed SCHEV's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events. In addition to last January's celebratory event, two academic events have been scheduled. The event that had been planned for October 26 to highlight the Shepherd program at Washington and Lee University has been postponed until February. A second event has been planned for December 4 at George Mason University.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 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  
October 17, 2006**

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

**Estimated Impact of New 9(d) Debt on Student Fees and Financial Aid Need**

**2006-08 Biennium (Second Year)**

Chapter 3, 2006 Virginia Acts of Assembly requires that the State Council of Higher Education receive Financial Feasibility Studies from public institutions of higher education for each capital outlay request submitted for the 2006-08 Biennium whose funding consists in whole, or in part, of debt authorized under Article X, Section 9 (d), of the Constitution of Virginia.

This provision is set forth in §4-4.01.j.2:

By August 15 of each year, institutions shall also prepare and submit copies of financial feasibility studies to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for 9(d) obligations where debt service is expected to be paid from project revenues or revenues of the institution. The State Council of Higher Education shall identify the impact of all projects requested by the institutions of higher education, and as described in § 4-4.01 j.1. of this act, on the current and projected cost to students in institutions of higher education and the impact of the project on the institution's need for student financial assistance. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall report such information to the Secretary of Finance and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than October 1 of each year.

In accordance with this provision, SCHEV has reviewed financial feasibility studies related to projects requested for the second year of the 2006-08 Biennium. The results are presented below.

A variety of funding sources have been identified by the institutions as providing the incremental revenues required to support the debt service and operating costs associated with these projects. The three primary sources are: 1) required student fees, 2) user fees associated the project, and 3) other institutional fees such as indirect cost recoveries and/or gifts. This report provides a summary table which displays the requesting institution, the name of the project, the amount of debt requested and the major revenue source for debt service and operating costs. Further, it also displays the current level of required fees, the estimated dollar increase in those fees necessary to support the project, if any, and the percent increase this represents. Finally, the table displays the estimated impact of the fee increases on the institutions' overall financial aid need as calculated using SCHEV's financial aid guidelines.