

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
MINUTES NO. 78**

Mr. Clement called the Executive Committee to order at 8:35 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Gilbert Bland, Whittington Clement, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Christine Milliken, Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Tom Daley, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Daniel LaVista, and Lee Ann Rung.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted. Mr. Clement thanked Dr. LaVista and his wife for hosting the Council dinner on September 10th. He also asked that Ms. Milliken and Mr. Dyke continue to chair the Academic Affairs Committee and Resources Committee, respectively, for today's meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. LaVista informed the Committee of a few visitors who would be joining the Council meeting. Michael Slawon, from the Ministry of Education in Liberia, will attend the Council meeting to observe the workings of the Council. SCHEV has a new representative from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Jack Knight, replacing Anthony Meredith, who has accepted a job in California. Also, Dr. Cormier has been invited to make a presentation as part of the Council's routine of having a President speak when meetings are held in Richmond.

Dr. LaVista indicated that he will provide his Executive Director's report at the full Council. It will deal mainly with campus safety. He feels it is important to get a snapshot of what SCHEV has been doing in the area of campus safety, especially since the April 16th tragedy at Virginia Tech. The findings of the Virginia Tech Commission will also be included, as well as a report from the National Association of Attorneys General.

He mentioned that questions have arisen with regard to George Mason University and cost of living adjustments. Mr. Dyke and Ms. Milliken felt the Council should be informed about the issue of cost differential for employees in Northern Virginia

because the differential pay scale has not been updated in many years and the issue has fiscal impacts. It was decided that the issue will be discussed at the full Council meeting.

UPDATE ON SCHEV BUDGET

Mr. Daley distributed the FY2008 Total Appropriations and Actual Expenditures and indicated that there was nothing new to report. However, because the Governor has announced a 5% reduction for all agencies, SCHEV has been working with the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) and learned that the SCHEV budget reductions have been limited to 4% rather than 5%. The total amount of the 4% reduction is \$648,957. No financial aid programs were included in the reduction. He reported that the agency budget was reduced by \$97,000. This means that the agency will be on a very tight budget this year. Mr. Daley answered questions from members and informed them that this is likely not a one-time budget reduction. There was some discussion about the enrollment study and Ms. Milliken indicated that the study is at the top of the Council's policy priority list. Council would like staff to provide other alternatives if staff feels the enrollment study would need to be cut in 2009.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL BYLAWS CHANGES

As a result of discussions at the Council retreat, advice will be sought from the OAG about how many members would constitute a three-quarters vote of the Council in the event only eight members are present at the October meeting when the bylaws will be brought for approval.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2007 AGENDA

The proposed agenda for the October meeting was discussed. Mr. Clement asked that there be some flexibility in forming the agenda for this meeting, based on the discussions at the retreat. Staff was asked to get input from the OAG about the timeframe requirements for posting public agendas. It was decided that the agenda will be developed between the Executive Director and the Chair, with input from certain members prior to finalizing it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Clement welcomed Robert Lambeth from the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Whittington Clement
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
MINUTES NO. 39**

Ms. Milliken called an informal session of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in the SCHEV Main Conference Room in Richmond, VA.

Council members present: (Bob) Ashby, Mimi Elrod, Christine Milliken (Chair), and Alan Wurtzel. Staff present: Joseph DeFilippo, Vernon Harper, Maricel Quintana-Baker, and Linda Woodley.

The Committee members discussed the proposed legislative language concerning the Diploma Mills Task Force.

Ms. Milliken then called the formal session of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the SCHEV Main Conference Room in Richmond, VA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the agenda.

DIPLOMA MILLS TASK FORCE

Ms. Woodley reported on the current status of the Diploma Mills Task Force. Ms. Woodley was asked to elaborate on the definition of diploma mills and the change in Virginia Code language to ensure that it captures the notion of diploma mills. The Committee encouraged SCHEV to take practical steps to ensure that parents and students are able to identify diploma mills. Mr. Wurtzel mentioned that certificate programs that provide credit from life experiences should not be labeled as diploma mills. He further described that an exit exam should be a part of such a program. Ms. Woodley responded that the definition of diploma mills could be altered to address Mr. Wurtzel's concern. The committee agreed on the following changes to new regulatory language proposed by the Diploma Mills Task Force.

- Under 1B, strike the word "any" and substitute "an appropriate examination or substantial"
- Under 1C, after the word "experience" insert "without requiring appropriate examination by faculty with appropriate academic degrees from accredited institutions"
- Under 3A, insert "certificate" before the phrase "degree, course work or academic credit"

The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia authorize staff to seek amendment to the Code of Virginia to prohibit the issuance, manufacturing, and use of fraudulent academic credentials in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo reported the following Academic Affairs activities:

Staffing:

Dr. Maricel Quintana-Baker has replaced Dr. Stephen Scott as Associate Director for Academic Affairs. Her major portfolio items will be Outstanding Faculty Awards, Strategic Planning, Restructuring, and assisting in the leadership of the office.

Dr. Carmen Johansen has been hired as Associate for Academic Affairs with specific transfer and liaison responsibilities with the community college system. She comes to SCHEV from Regis University in Colorado, where she was head of admissions, including responsibility for negotiating articulation and transfer agreements with both sending and receiving institutions.

Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education (POPE):

The following staff members have completed the National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training program offered by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR): Monica Lewis, Josephine Wright, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, and Linda Woodley.

POPE is developing a publication that will highlight the private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions certified to operate in Virginia and the programs offered at these institutions. The next Career College Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 21 on the campus of Bryant & Stratton College in Richmond.

Access

Dr. Monica Osei serves as the National Governors Association grant manager for SCHEV. She developed a training curriculum and trained high school counselors (statewide) on the Virginia Mentor website. In October, Dr. Osei will lead a session and co-present information on the Virginia Mentor website for the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) "2007 Career Coaches Academy."

Learning Technology

In cooperation with Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) and the Electronic Campus of Virginia, planning for a conference on Course Redesign has gone forward for Friday November 9. Invitations have been extended to Virginia

public and private degree-granting institutions to send teams of faculty/staff with an interest in pursuing course redesign projects. Content of the conference will be provided by the National Center for Academic Transformation, which has worked with numerous states and university systems, including Arizona, Minnesota, New York, and Texas. The Electronic Campus of Virginia has generously agreed to provide \$10,000 for post-conference planning grants.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Requests Approval of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Engineering Education (CIP:14.9999)

Council inquired about the career path of a person completing the program. The university representative commented that there are a multitude of paths stemming from this program including careers in government, academia, and corporations. The representative continued to explain that graduates would have a positive impact on retention in existing engineering programs. The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the 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 Engineering Education (CIP:14.9999) effective spring 2008.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Requests Approval of Master of Arts (M.A.) in Foreign Languages, Cultures and Literatures (CIP:16.0101)

Council inquired about the demand for a Masters degree in Foreign Languages, Cultures and Literatures over a Ph.D. in the field. The institutional representative commented that students frequently use the M.A. as a terminal degree and pursue a variety of careers. The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the 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 Master of Arts (M.A.) in Foreign Languages, Cultures, and Literatures (CIP:16.0101) effective fall 2008.

ACTION ON PRIVATE AND OUT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

Lindsey Wilson College School of Professional Counseling

Council inquired about the U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE) composite score of 1.4, which is an indicator of the financial stability of an institution. Ms. Woodley explained that the composite of 1.4 on a 3.0 scale means that the

institution has met the minimum standard defined by the USDOE. The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Lindsey Wilson College to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective September 11th, 2007.

California University of Management Science

The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies California University of Management and Sciences to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective September 11th, 2007.

Trinity Ambassadors International College

Mr. Wurtzel questioned several aspects of the institution including its enrollment of only twelve students, its financial health, and the amount of its bond offering. A representative of Trinity Ambassadors Executive College responded that the institution's target population is composed of at-risk students and the amount of the bond could be increased to please Council. Council sought to understand the nature of corporate relationships within Trinity Ambassadors Executive College.

The Committee vote on this matter was two in favor (Elrod, Milliken) and two abstentions (Ashby, Wurtzel). Ms. Milliken requested staff to gather further information on the school's application to inform the Council's consideration in the full Council meeting.

The Braxton School

Ms. Woodley explained that The Braxton School has a good history in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and she further mentioned the current problems of the Braxton owner. A representative of the institution stated that The Braxton School has been successful in a search for a new owner and changes to the organization would be forthcoming. Council debated and changed the language of the resolution against the Braxton School. The following resolution was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia find The Braxton School to be noncompliant with the regulations governing certification of certain institutions to confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates. The Braxton School must resolve each item of non-compliance and submit the assessed administrative fee of \$5,000 by September 26, 2007. Failure to comply may result in the revocation and/or suspension of The Braxton School's *Certificate to Operate* immediately following September 26, 2007.

UPDATE ON ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE

Dr. DeFilippo briefed the Committee on the Task Force's progress:

The Task Force has met three times since the last Council meeting, and the meetings have concentrated on two general areas. First, the Task Force has been working to finalize the content and format of a detailed guideline document that will describe parameters within which institutions can do value-added assessment. Second, the Task Force is focusing on providing advisement on the remaining parts of the Council's charge, such as timing of the process, mode of publicizing results, and resultant costs of the new assessment requirements.

A significant amount of the Task Force's effort has focused since July on identifying the scale of incremental costs that will be associated with the mandate. This is a complex task because of varying institutional types and approaches to doing assessment, but this part of the Task Force's work is expected to be complete within the next two weeks. Once this has been done, the Task Force will request the Council to consider a budget request for the 2008-10 biennium to support taking assessment to the next level of quality and national leadership. The Task Force plans to complete its work in time to inform a proposal that can be included as a budget request on the Council's October agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Christine T. Milliken
Chair

Vernon B. Harper Jr.
Associate for Academic Affairs
For Committee Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
MINUTES NO. 69**

Mr. Dyke called the Resources Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room C, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Helen Dragas and Jim Dyke. Staff present: Jim Alessio, Tom Daley, Dan Hix, Dan LaVista, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Dyke introduced Mr. Bland and welcomed him to the Council. He also asked attendees to introduce themselves to the Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Hix reported on the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting on September 5 and informed the Committee that FAC reviewed the same items that are listed on the Resources Committee agenda. The items were well received by the FAC. Mr. Hix reminded members that typically the September Resources Committee agenda would be very full due to the budget recommendations. However, the items will be discussed in the full Council at this meeting instead.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dyke asked that the Committee look at an issue related to nursing faculty salaries at private institutions and Mr. Hix provided background information about the issue. He reminded the Committee that as a result of the May meeting with the private institutions, it was agreed to form a task force between the private institutions and SCHEV to look at ways in which the private institutions could work more closely with the state on issues other than the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG). A joint meeting was held in July and one issue that came out of the meeting was a request that SCHEV consider including private colleges in any funding recommendation for

nursing faculty salary increases. Mr. Dyke said that the Virginia Constitution allows the Commonwealth to contract with private, nonprofit colleges for educational services. The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) requested that the Council consider making a budget recommendation to increase the nursing faculty salaries at private institutions to match the 10% increase that was afforded nursing faculty at the public institutions as a result of legislation passed in the 2006 General Assembly session. Mr. Lambeth indicated that the private institutions are beginning to see a shift in faculty from the private institutions to public institutions as a result of the legislation. Ms. Heggoy distributed information about the proposal and a breakdown of private institutions with nursing programs, including the cost of providing a 10% increase to nursing faculty salaries at these institutions.

Mr. Lambeth spoke about the importance of more nursing faculty and answered questions from the Committee members and staff. After some discussion, staff was asked to develop a proposal to be brought to the Council in October, to include accountability measures and any gains for the Commonwealth.

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

Jim Dyke
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
MINUTES NO. 4**

Mr. Clement called the Council meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Gilbert Bland, Whittington Clement, Helen Dragas, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Christine Milliken, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Jim Alessio, Tom Daley, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Daniel LaVista, Tod Massa, Kirsten Nelson, and Lee Ann Rung.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

BRIEFING ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Mr. Clement informed those present that today's presentation is one of many briefings that the Council has received over the last year. Dr. Elrod indicated that there was an interest in hearing from specific institutions on the issue of teacher education. Patty Pitts, Virginia Department of Education and Virginia McLaughlin, Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Education from the College of William and Mary (CWM) each provided a presentation on this issue.

Ms. Pitts shared updates on regulation changes in licensure and teacher education as well as the shortage areas in teaching for 2007-08 school year.

She reported that for the first time in the history of regulatory change, both the licensing of personnel and approved program regulations are being considered simultaneously. Previously, they were considered separately. It is anticipated that both sets of regulations will become effective on September 21. Ms. Pitts' presentation stressed program regulations.

Workshops were conducted with deans to get feedback on implementation of the regulations. She reviewed the proposed cycle of the review and approval of education programs in Virginia. Biennial reports are sent to the Virginia Board of Education regarding compliance with seven standards. Currently, the passage rate of program exiters and program completers must be 70%; in 2010 this increases to 80%. Schools must also report to the Board of Education about their success in Praxis I, the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST), which students must pass prior to student teaching. Currently, Virginia is preparing approximately 3,000 teachers annually, which does not meet the demand of new teachers needed in Virginia. Ms. Pitts indicated that while many things are in place to address critical shortage areas, much work is still needed. She answered questions from members. In answer to a

question raised about trends, she indicated that Special Education and Math continue to be on the list. An annual teach-in is held to recruit teachers as well as TeachVirginia, which is used as a resource to contact jobs applicants.

Dr. Virginia McLaughlin introduced Phillip M. Wishon, Dean, College of Education, JMU, who is the incoming president of the Virginia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (VACTE). In her presentation, Dr. McLaughlin acknowledged the need for competent, highly qualified, committed teachers but indicated that there is much controversy on how to attract them. It is difficult to discern what is meant by "highly qualified."

She indicated that both production and retention are major problems, causing a tremendous economic impact. It has been estimated that in excess of \$7.3 billion per year is lost to attrition. Dr. McLaughlin suggested that there are unique opportunities across the P-16 spectrum to address these problems, with community colleges playing an active role. Teacher education is the most closely monitored and accountable programs of all other degree programs.

Dr. McLaughlin provided three recommendations for the Commonwealth and the State Council with regard to teacher education:

- Focus on consistent application of existing regulations
- Build capacity of effective teacher education programs
- Support full implementation and use of VITAL, Virginia's comprehensive statewide data system for teacher quality

Mr. Clement thanked both speakers and Dr. McLaughlin answered questions from the Council members and Dr. LaVista. In answer to a question from Dr. LaVista, Dr. McLaughlin mentioned that CWM has tabled its teacher education budget initiatives, including the Virginia Initiative for Technology and Administrative Leadership (VITAL) for next year. However, she indicated that the matter will be discussed further at the CWM meeting today. In the meantime, research on foundations and grants is actively being pursued. In answer to a question about what SCHEV could do, she indicated that having a systems administrator who would reside at SCHEV and seed money to launch technical support would be most helpful. She estimated approximately \$100,000 plus salary for staff would be needed.

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Whittington Clement
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
MINUTES NO. 514**

Mr. Clement called the Council meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in the SCHEV Main Conference Room, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Bob Ashby, Gilbert Bland, Whittington Clement, Helen Dragas, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Christine Milliken, and Alan Wurtzel. Staff members present: Tom Daley, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Daniel LaVista, Tod Massa, Kirsten Nelson, and Lee Ann Rung. Jack Knight from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mr. Clement welcomed Mr. Bland as the new Council member and read his biography to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 10, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KAINE

The Governor thanked the Council members for their service and said he was struck by the number of items on the Council's agenda. The Governor informed the Council that the Commonwealth is doing very well with regard to its higher education system. He spoke about how elevated the education system has become over the last 50 years, both in K-12 and higher education. Higher education attainment is greater in Virginia than the national average, and that movement coincides with per capita income. Virginia has realized the wisdom of Thomas Jefferson with regard to the importance of education. Mr. Wurtzel was thanked for his service as the Chair of the Council for the last three years, and Mr. Clement was congratulated on his recent appointment as Council Chair.

The Governor acknowledged the importance of the recently approved strategic plan in keeping straightforward goals in access, alignment, and investment to drive decisions going forward. Higher education, according to the Governor, is not just about imparting knowledge, but is also about creating an economic mission and creating opportunities for citizens. The Council was thanked for its involvement in the P-16

Council and the Governor said that offering credits to high school students only works if articulation agreements are in place with four year institutions. He stressed the importance of working across the spectrum in order to make progress and mentioned the American Diploma Project, which will ensure that a high school diploma is a true measure of learning and one that makes students college-ready.

The Governor also addressed the following issues that will be part of his framework in looking at the budget for the 2008 General Assembly session:

The state is experiencing a period of revenue slowdown and Governor Kaine indicated that within the next thirty days, budget cuts will be announced. The Council was informed that the cuts will be performance based rather than across the board. The Governor indicated that he does not believe in a "one size fits all" approach, but instead feels any necessary budget cuts should be considered standard targets and should take into consideration critical services that could be at stake.

The Governor indicated that his administration is working to balance this year's budget in a way that is long-term focused. He informed the Council of his appreciation of the critical nature of higher education, including its role as an economic development engine. To keep the colleges and universities strong, higher education should be robustly funded. The Governor will announce his plan for the next biennial budget in December.

The Governor informed the Council that he is aware of some of the issues facing higher education and wants to keep SCHEV involved.

The Governor discussed the Virginia Tech panel recommendations and mentioned a few categories that will require legislative dialogue prior to the General Assembly session. These include: the Governor's policy recommendations with regard to mental health and privacy laws; recommendations for colleges with regard to threat assessment teams and protocols. Some are policy issues and some involve expenditure of funds. He assured the Council that even though the Commonwealth is experiencing a slow revenue period, it does not mean that new, innovative initiatives would not be considered if the initiatives would increase effectiveness. He expressed his feeling that the recommendations from the Virginia Tech panel have implications for the entire state.

The Governor asked for Council input on legislative initiatives that should be brought to his attention and invited questions. Mr. Clement thanked the Governor for his attendance at the meeting and informed him of the Council's interest in becoming more of an advocate for higher education and more involved in policy issues. Mr. Clement reminded the Governor that the Council is ready to reinforce his message to the extent possible. Mr. Dyke stressed that in its coordinating role, the Council could provide assistance in addressing issues of interest to the Governor, particularly with regard to campus safety and other statewide issues. Mr. Dyke also discussed the opportunity to have enhanced collaboration between both public and private institutions in addressing needs. Governor Kaine said he appreciates the strong individuality and expertise in the Virginia higher education system with its coordinating

board structure. He indicated that the private institutions have played an important part in the system, bring unique expertise, and should be included in meaningful ways in educational issues. Ms. Milliken mentioned the need for strategic investment to keep Virginia on the cutting edge. She provided information about the course redesign initiative and indicated that if Virginia could be successful with this initiative, learning outcomes and retention could be increased, along with cost savings. Mr. Wurtzel informed the Governor of the Council's concern about the cost of higher education. He said that one appeal of the course redesign initiative is that it brings productivity into the equation. Governor Kaine indicated that if course redesign could increase retention rates, he would be interested in learning more about the initiative.

The Governor was also provided with another initiative of interest to the Council involving a redesign of the VirginiaMentor website in order to bring in other institutions and coordinate the higher education information which is available to the public.

Mr. Wurtzel expressed a need for assistance in engineering a breakthrough of legal issues to allow the sharing of data between the Department of Education and SCHEV with regard to how well high schools are preparing students for college and if there is a difference in preparation from one school to another. Mr. Wurtzel said that the Council has had to make policy decisions without aggregate data, which is needed.

Dr. Ashby thanked Governor Kaine for his pre-K initiatives, which will lead to more success in higher education. The Governor said that \$400 million every year is spent on 50,000 students who repeat grades, which does not include the cost of remedial education.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Mr. Clement reported that the Council voted on the recommendations from the nominating committee at a brief meeting on September 10th. The results were that **Mr. Clement was elected as Council chair and Ms. Hardy was elected vice chair.**

Mr. Clement provided information about the accomplishments the Council has been able to make under Mr. Wurtzel's leadership and noted that the Council has been very fortunate to have someone with his background, talent, and time to serve on the Council. Mr. Clement presented a gift to Mr. Wurtzel on behalf of the Council as an expression of appreciation. Mr. Wurtzel thanked the members and indicated that the Council has done much for which it should be proud. He said that the Commonwealth of Virginia is blessed to have the benefit of the Council members' individual contributions and expressed his gratitude to Governors Warner and Kaine for appointing the current Council members.

COUNCIL RETREAT

Mr. Clement indicated that the Council held a retreat on September 10th at John Tyler Community College. He summarized the meeting by reporting about the contributions

of Mr. Wurtzel and others on the Council and for Dr. LaVista's leadership. The Council agrees that staff has the infrastructure in place now to enable the Council to be more involved in policy issues and to continue the work of coordinating issues of higher education. The Council also reviewed its statutory responsibilities and other areas of responsibility at the retreat. There was a consensus that the Council needs to be more focused and spend more time on important policy issues.

During a brief transitional period beginning in October or by January, the Council will begin using a consent agenda for its meetings. Additionally, the Council is planning to try operating without formal committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee. In lieu of committees, the Chairman will appoint several members to work with staff on developing the consent agenda. The Council also recognizes the need for occasional ad hoc committees such as the Outstanding Faculty Awards (OFA), which Dr. Elrod will continue to lead. The Council will also begin meeting on Monday afternoon prior to the regular meetings to have discussions about broad topics related to higher education. It is the Council's hope that guest speakers would be invited to bring a certain level of expertise to assist the Council in making decisions and setting priorities. Following the Monday afternoon meetings, the Council will adjourn to dinner and continue the dialogue if there is momentum behind particular issues. Mr. Clement mentioned that the Council recognizes that this new process will be a work in progress.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Clement introduced Michael Slawon from the Ministry of Education in Liberia. Dr. Slawon thanked the Council for allowing him the opportunity to attend the meeting and to observe best practices. He spoke briefly about the background of Liberia and its educational system.

Jack Knight was introduced as the Council's representative from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), replacing Anthony Meredith.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CORMIER

Dr. LaVista introduced Dr. Cormier who briefly introduced the Institute for Teaching Through Technology and Innovative Practices (ITTIP), which is serving 25 rural counties. The program is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation for middle school students. It is a three-year project working in conjunction with cooperating partners such as Virginia State University, the Science Museum of Virginia, and Southside Virginia Regional Consortium. Longwood University is serving as the lead institution. A presentation of the program was given by Dr. Manorama Talaiver, Director of ITTIP.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. LaVista said that just as September 11 marked a new awareness about personal safety, April 16 has brought to light safety issues on campuses. He distributed a report just issued on September 10 by the National Association of Attorneys General. He outlined the main aspects of the report and suggested that the Council form opinions on how to proceed in some of the same areas mentioned in the report.

Dr. LaVista provided an update on some activities in which SCHEV has been involved related to campus safety and indicated that SCHEV could serve as a clearinghouse of information with regard to campus safety issues. Dr. LaVista said that SCHEV is poised to take the lead as measures develop in Goal 12 of the Higher Education Restructuring Act. He also said the agenda of the Boards of Visitors (BOV) orientation in November will include a discussion of campus safety.

Dr. LaVista provided information on the Governor's campus safety conference in August and informed the Council of a few of the take-away messages from the panel discussions. These included: the importance of collaboration between regional entities; blending technology and non-technology solutions; not using a "one-size-fits-all" approach; looking at ways to design buildings in the future for safety (landscape lighting, etc.) Secretary Chopra announced at the safety conference that Microsoft donated software for colleges and universities to use that includes real-time earth mapping capabilities. A white paper of the conference is being developed. Based on the success of the campus safety conference, the Governor plans to hold the conference on a yearly basis.

DELEGATED ITEMS BY DIRECTOR/STAFF

Dr. LaVista reported on the following items that were reviewed and approved by staff, as delegated by the Council. As required, this information is included as part of these minutes:

- Discontinued Program (July 2007)
- Program Degree and Title Changes (July 2007)
- Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree programs (July 2007)
- Organizational Changes / Off-campus Instructional Sites (July 2007)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No requests for public comment were received.

ACTION ON VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM (VCCS) PEER GROUPS

Mr. Alessio informed the Council of its legal responsibility to report its findings on this topic and provided background information. He reminded the Council that the benchmarks for the four-year institutions and Richard Bland College were approved by the Council in July.

The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia** approves the **faculty salary benchmark institutions for the Virginia Community College System**. The lists, along with the new 60th percentile goals, shall be forwarded to the **Governor and to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees**.

Dr. LaVista also informed the Council of a discussion at the Executive Committee regarding a request from George Mason University about updating the cost of living increases for Northern Virginia institutions, including Northern Virginia Community College. Council requested that staff provide a recommendation on this matter at the October meeting.

ACTION ON VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM (VCCS) ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Mr. Massa reminded the Council of its interest in bringing the VCCS into the enrollment-projection process and of the July-meeting notation that the VCCS projections would be brought to the Council for approval in September. Mr. Wurtzel indicated a need for Council to pay more attention to graduation rates.

The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia** approves the **FY 2007-2013 institutional enrollment targets as provided in Tables 1-3 of Item 10**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of these institutional enrollment targets does not constitute either implicit or explicit approval of any new program, site, higher education center, or campus determined by an institution as necessary to achieve these targets.

ACTION ON BASE ADEQUACY METHODOLOGIES AND PROCESSES REPORT

Mr. Hix presented information and answered questions from members. Mr. Dyke expressed an interest in receiving input from institutions. **On motion by Mr. Wurtzel and seconded by Dr. Ashby, the Council unanimously decided to adopt Option 1 on page C50, which calls for the use of actual enrollment data rather than projected enrollment data.**

The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia** approves the report on **Base Adequacy Funding Guideline Methodologies and**

Processes and recommends that it be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

ACTION ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2008-10

Ms. Milliken asked that all items be voted in block. As a result, the following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approve the submission of a budget request of \$600,000 (\$500,000 FY 2009, and \$100,000 FY2010) for a statewide course redesign initiative to promote efficiency and improved learning.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the submission of a budget request of \$4,205,979 (\$2,032,678 in FY09 and \$2,173,301 in FY10) to sustain the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA).

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the submission of a budget request of \$1,500,000 (\$750,000 in FY09 and \$750,000 in FY10) to continue funding the Virginia Doctoral Nursing Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the submission of a budget request of \$1,500,000 (\$750,000 in FY09 and \$750,000 in FY10) to continue funding the Northern Virginia Community College private-public partnership comprised of five nursing education providers in the region.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the submission of a budget request for \$300,000 (\$150,000 FY09 and \$150,000 FY10) in additional general fund support for the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the submission of a biennial budget request for \$119,424 (\$59,712 per year) in non-general fund support for one new position (1.0 FTE) to manage the GEAR UP/ACCESS Virginia program database.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the submission of a budget request for \$216,906 (\$108,453 per year) in non-general fund support for two new positions (2.0 FTE) to ensure the continued effective regulatory oversight of the private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions certified to operate in Virginia.

ACTION ON THE DENTAL STUDY FOR WISE COUNTY

Dr. LaVista provided background information about the program and reminded the Council that the 2006 Appropriation Act (Item 145J) required SCHEV to study the financial and programmatic feasibility of establishing a satellite campus of the VCU School of Dentistry at UVA-Wise. The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approve the staff report on the feasibility of locating the VCU dental program in Wise, and authorize the Executive Director to transmit it to the General Assembly by October 1, 2007.

ACTION ON 2008-10 SYSTEMIC PROGRAMS IN SCHEV'S BUDGET

Ms. Nelson provided information about website development as requested by the Council. VirginiaMentor has been providing the student access website with funds from the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV). The current website is not state-owned, which causes certain restrictions. Also, CICV can no longer provide funding for the website. SCHEV staff met with stakeholders from the Virginia College Savings Plan, the Virginia Community College System, and the Virginia Department of Education and it was agreed that a comprehensive site is needed that links to the websites of all three agencies mentioned above.

The following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends additional Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant program funding of \$7.9 million for FY2009 and \$11.9 million for FY2010 in order to attain an undergraduate and graduate maximum annual award of \$3,500 and \$3,700 respectively.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends additional College Scholarship Assistance Program annual funding for FY2008-10 in a two-year phase-in with \$2.2 million increase for FY09 and \$4.4 million increase for FY10 over the FY08 base year in order to provide state need-based aid that is specifically targeted to meet the needs of Virginia's most financially at-risk students.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that an additional \$200,891 (\$94,146 in the first year and \$106,745 in the second year) be appropriated in the 2008-10 biennium for the Eminent Scholars program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends an additional appropriation of \$250,000 from the general fund (\$150,000 in the first year and \$100,000 in the second year) in the 2008-10 biennium to support the establishment of a full service higher education student access website.

DISCUSSION OF 2008-10 SYSTEMWIDE OPERATING BUDGET ITEMS

Mr. Hix discussed the following items, which will be brought to the Council for approval at the October meeting:

Base Adequacy
Faculty Salaries
Research
Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund (HEETF)
Operation and Maintenance of New Facilities Coming Online
Undergraduate and Graduate Student Financial Aid

DISCUSSION OF 2008-10 SYSTEMWIDE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET ITEMS

Mr. Daley briefly discussed the report on institutional requests for building projects, on which the Council will be asked to make recommendations at its October meeting. He noted a 50% increase over last year's capital requests. Mr. Dyke raised concern that VCCS numbers were not included in the report. Dr. LaVista explained that SCHEV received requests from VCCS this week and that Mr. Daley was currently working to update the report to include the VCCS. However, Dr. DuBois had been advised that, because the VCCS submission was late, staff could not guarantee that it would be included.

PRESENTATION ON ENROLLMENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Due to the lateness of the hour, this item will be carried over to the October meeting.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clement reported on the items discussed in the Executive Committee earlier in the meeting.

REPORT FROM RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. Dyke reported that the Resources Committee was interested in the proposal submitted by the CICV to request assistance for the private institutions by applying the same 10% nursing faculty salary increase to private institutions that was approved for the public institutions in the last General Assembly session. The Committee requested that staff prepare a proposal to be discussed at the October meeting that would include specific quantitative outcomes for the state, as well as a measurement of how this request might lead to increasing nursing student enrollment. Mr. Wurtzel indicated that if the state considers a supplement to private institutions, graduation rates need to be in line with public institutions.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Action on Diploma Mills

After some information from Ms. Milliken, the following revised resolution was unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia authorizes staff to seek amendment to the Code of Virginia to prohibit the issuance, manufacturing and use of fraudulent academic credentials in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

Ms. Milliken presented the following resolutions from the Academic Affairs Committee which were unanimously approved by the 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 Engineering Education (CIP: 14.9999), effective spring 2008.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Foreign Languages, Cultures, and Literatures (CIP: 16.0101), effective fall 2008.

Action on Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Institutions Seeking Certification to Operate in Virginia

Ms. Milliken presented information from the Committee and the following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Lindsey Wilson College to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia effective September 11, 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies California University of Management and Sciences to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Milliken informed the Council that the Committee requested additional information from staff with regard to the surety bond and other matters related to Trinity Ambassadors International College. As a result, the Committee took no action on this item. Dr. DiFilippo provided the information requested by the Committee and indicated that the institution meets the guidelines. Mr. Dyke expressed some concern

about the Committee's reluctance to approve the item. After hearing the additional information provided by Dr. DeFilippo, the following resolution was approved (7-1). Mr. Dyke abstained:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia certifies Trinity Ambassadors International College to operate a postsecondary institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia effective September 11, 2007.

The Council recommended that in the future, staff consider visiting institutions before they are accredited.

Action on the Braxton School

Ms. Milliken presented information and the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council. If the school is not in compliance by the October meeting the item will be brought back to the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia finds The Braxton School to be noncompliant with the regulations governing certification of certain institutions to confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates. The Braxton School must resolve each item of non-compliance and submit the assessed administrative fee of \$5,000 by September 26, 2007. Failure to comply may result in the revocation and/or suspension of The Braxton School's *Certificate to Operate* immediately following September 26, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Whittington Clement
Chairman

Lee Ann Rung
Council Secretary