Governor’s Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment

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Commission Priorities

- Preserve and enhance instructional excellence.
- Increase % of college-age Virginians enrolling and completing.
- Prepare more graduates in STEM and shortage-area fields.
- Forge public-private partnerships and regional strategies for business recruitment, workforce prep, and university research.
- Become national leader in higher education opportunities for military personnel and veterans.
- Craft a sustainable funding model.
- Develop innovative ways to deliver quality instruction, cost savings, and affordable new pathways to degree attainment.
- Evaluate strategies to reduce costs through additional college placement testing and accelerated degree completion.
- Create effective workforce development programs via expanded use of the VCCS in coordination with the EO1 Commission.
Commission Goals

- **Increased Degree Attainment, Financial Aid & Workforce Training**
  - 100,000 cumulative additional degrees by 2025.
  - Focus on STEM, projected worker shortages, Va residents, financial aid for low & middle income, military personnel and veterans.
  - Coordinate with relevant Secretaries/Agencies on workforce dev.

- **Implement Innovation and Cost Containment**
  - Model for higher ed funding & service delivery.
  - Reduce/prevent wasteful spending, eliminate redundancy, phase-out low-demand degree programs.
  - Enhance instruction delivery via technology, and increase inter- & intra-sector collaboration, to reduce time/cost to degree.
  - Analyze the Restructuring Act.

- **Regional Strategies/Partnerships for Research & Econ. Dev.**
  - Increase leveraging of private & federal research funding.
  - Identify funding streams for incentivizing regional collaboration & public-private partnerships.
  - Coordinate w/Commerce & Trade; specifically w/Energy Institute.
• July 12: First meeting of full body  
  Chair: Tom Farrell, CEO, Dominion Resources  
  Vice Chair: Del. Kirk Cox, 66th District

• July – Sept: Committee meetings

• Sept. 30: Budget recommendations due

• Oct. 12: Second meeting of full body

• Nov. 30: Interim report due

• December: Third meeting of full body
Commission Committees

Degree Attainment, Financial Aid and Workforce Training

**Chair:** Bill Barr

**Vice Chair:** Leslie Peterson


**Staff:** Joe DeFilippo and Beverly Covington
Degree Attainment, Aid & Workforce

- **July 22**: Committee priorities; student demographics; degree production; capacity in private non-profits

- **Aug. 31**: STEM (K-12, proprietary institutions, NASA); job demand forecasting; employer needs; VCCS; higher ed centers
Implement Innovation and Cost Containment

**Chair:** Todd Stottlemyer  
**Vice Chair:** Pamela Moran


**Staff:** Alan Edwards
Innovation & Cost Containment

- **July 29**: Priorities; Restructuring; President’s perspective (Trible)

- **Aug. 23**: Distance learning models; tech-enhanced courses; electronic textbooks; VCCS re-engineering efforts

- **Sept. 17**: Cost containment and savings strategies; pre-college credits; innovative partnerships with K-12; “Pathways” programs
Commission Committees

Regional Strategies/Partnerships for Research and Economic Development

**Chair:** Raj Narasimhan  
**Vice Chair:** Tom Loehr

**Members:** Jacob Downer, William Harvey, Bob Holsworth, Del. Scott Lingamfelter, Mirta Martin, Gil Minor, Del. Tom Rust, Charles Steger, Robin Sullenberger, Sen. William Wampler, Charlie Whitaker

**Staff:** Peter Blake and Nancy Vorona
Research & Economic Development

- **Aug. 2:** Priorities; EO1 update; Restructuring; Tobacco Commission R&D program; R&D tax incentives

- **Aug. 16:** Intellectual property; federal relations; Va Tech activities; IALR; Advanced Manufacturing Center

- **Sept. 8:** Economic development via research; R&D commercialization; CIT; R&D tax incentives