

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2010  
MINUTES**

Ms. Milliken called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Jim Dyke, Mimi Elrod, Jacob Lutz, Christine Milliken, G. Gilmer Minor, Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: Bob Ashby, Mary Haddad, Whitt Clement, Susan Magill

Staff members present: Daniel LaVista, Lee Ann Rung

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Milliken presented Dr. LaVista with a framed copy of the resolution that was approved by the Council at its May 18, 2010 meeting. Dr. LaVista was thanked for his service and members were reminded about the reception to be held in Dr. LaVista's honor following the meeting.

*October Meetings*

Ms. Milliken asked for a review of the work that has been done to date on preparations for the October 19 and 20 meetings. Dr. LaVista said a draft agenda for the Council of Presidents (COP) meeting on October 19 as well as a draft agenda for the October 20 Boards of Visitors (BOV) meeting has been reviewed and accepted by the Council's work group which included Messrs. Dyke, Clement, and Lutz. Dr. LaVista recommended that the Council delay its decision about speakers for the panel discussion until such time as the new Executive Director is in place and the first meeting of the Higher Education Commission has occurred. Also, Dr. Alan Merten will take over as Chair of the COP in July and should be involved in planning the October 19 meeting. Molly Broad and Arnie Duncan were recommended by the subcommittee as possible luncheon speakers for the October 20 BOV meeting. It was decided that Dr. LaVista would draft an invitation letter to Arnie Duncan from the Council in an effort to get on Dr. Duncan's calendar early.

*Resolution for Outgoing Chair*

Mr. Bland thanked Ms. Milliken for her service to the Council for the last eight years and read the following resolution, which was unanimously approved by the Council. The framed resolution was presented to Ms. Milliken, along with a gift from the members:

**WHEREAS**, Christine Milliken served as an exemplary member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from 2002 to 2010; and as Chair from July 2009 to June 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, she also served with great effectiveness on many Council committees and subcommittees at various times during her tenure, including the Resources, Executive, and Planning committees; and as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Milliken repeatedly provided strong leadership and a willingness to offer innovative ideas in shaping many important Council initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, her extensive experience in law and public policy enabled her to advance the Council's work by providing valuable insight and a collaborative approach to higher education policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Milliken demonstrated her steadfast support for the assessment of student learning and efficiency through technology by assisting the Commonwealth through pioneering reform initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Milliken has been a tireless advocate for higher education and has consistently reached out to institutions in an effort to meet the Commonwealth's educational needs, and

**WHEREAS**, she will continue to ensure that Virginia is advanced through higher education and to serve as a valued and knowledgeable advisor to the Council as it continues its important work;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Christine T. Milliken** for her commitment, distinguished service, and numerous contributions to higher education in Virginia, and extends to her best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Ms. Milliken thanked the members and staff for their dedication and hard work and said she hoped that with additional funding higher education will be advanced in the coming years.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Per § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Bland made a motion that the Council convene in a closed meeting at 3:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, specifically selection of an Interim Director. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Council reconvened in open session at approximately 5:15 p.m. A roll call vote was taken on a motion 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 motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 and is attached to these minutes.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by the Council after being read by Ms. Milliken:

**WHEREAS**, the position of Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia becomes vacant on July 1, 2010, due to the resignation of the current Director, and,

**WHEREAS**, certain functions and operations of the Council may require formal approval or action by the Director or department head, and,

**WHEREAS**, neither a Director nor Acting or Interim Director has yet been chosen by Council,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**That Thomas Daley, Deputy Director, is hereby authorized to – in consultation with the Chairman of the Council – exercise such authority and take such actions as are required of the Director until such time that the Council appoints a Director, an Acting Director or an Interim Director.**

Consistent with what was discussed in executive session, **Ms. Milliken moved and Dr. Elrod seconded a motion to increase Mr. Daley's compensation for the term of his new role. The motion was unanimously approved.** Additional contractual matters will be dealt with in the normal course of business with the Acting Agency Head.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Gilbert Bland  
Secretary

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Lee Ann Rung  
Manager for Council and Executive Affairs

**RESOLUTION NO. 55**  
**MEETING DATE: June 28, 2010**

**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, 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**, §2.2-3712 (D) 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**

YES:           7       (Bland, Dyke, Elrod, Lutz, Milliken, Minor, Webb)

NAYS:         0

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Gilbert T. Bland  
Secretary  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia