

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES**

Mr. Fralin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the SCHEV 9th floor conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Ken Ampy, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, Stephen Moret, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, Thomas Slater, and Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: Rosa Atkins, G. Gilmer Minor, and William Murray.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Ellie Boyd, Russ Carmichael, Beverly Covington, Joe Crook, Joe DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott, Alan Edwards, Sandra Freeman, Bernadette Haxhaj, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Paula Robinson, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, Lee Ann Rung, Lynne Seuffert, Greg Weatherford, Kristen Whelan, and Yan Zheng.

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fralin announced that staff had received no requests for public comment three days in advance of the meeting per Council policy. He invited comments from those in attendance but no one came forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Slater the minutes from the September 18, 2017, Executive Committee and the September 19, 2017, Council meeting were approved unanimously.

REMARKS FROM W. TAYLOR REVELEY, IV, PRESIDENT, LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

Mr. Blake introduced President Reveley and read his bio. President Reveley spoke about the cost of higher education and how it has changed over the decades. He highlighted the progress Longwood University has made, including offering the lowest increases in tuition and mandatory fees of any public institutions in Virginia over the last few years. He thanked Ms. Connelly for her service as the interim president at Longwood University prior to his appointment. President Reveley discussed his ideas around three main areas: technical, philosophical, and strategic.

He spoke about the “cost disease” as it is referred to by economists as any human intensive work (law, teaching, etc.) that cannot achieve economies of scale.

He described the technical piece as a personnel issue at the institutions. He said the state’s human resources system is highly structured and suggested that institutions

would be better served if given the ability to reduce the number of job classifications and function under a performance-based rather than seniority-based structure. Some institutions have more autonomy in these matters through restructuring but he suggested that SCHEV examine ways to address this issue among all institutions that would still provide protections for state employees.

President Reveley stressed the need to keep higher education as a public and private good as well as its vital role to the economy. Finding less expensive ways to achieve career preparation also should be considered.

He said that increasing demands on state budgets, make less money available for higher education, regardless of the good will that might exist. President Reveley said Council's approach to this future trend is on target, but stressed that other ideas may be worth considering in the long-term. This would include allowing level 3 institutions that are willing to take fewer or no additional General Fund dollars and be provided more autonomy over their operations.

President Reveley answered questions from members. He suggested that SCHEV could assist the institutions by making families aware of the comparative strength of all institutions in the Commonwealth.

REMARKS FROM DR. LARRY J. SABATO, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR POLITICS, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Mr. Fralin introduced Dr. Sabato and highlighted information from his biography. Dr. Sabato provided his perspective on the political environment in Virginia and nationally. He spoke about the political polarization in the country and indicated that the polarization applies to higher education issues as well. In the past, education would typically unite people of various ideological perspectives. The causes that both parties seem to agree on related to higher education include the high cost of tuition, and the number of in-state vs. out-of-state students. However, it was Dr. Sabato's opinion that with no common language or experiences in politics, the tendency is to become isolated on the political perspective. His suggestion was for higher education representatives to reach out to both parties; highlight the reasons why universities exist; and discuss practical measures that can be taken to resolve the issues.

He thanked the Council for inviting him to speak and answered questions from members.

REPORT OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR

Mr. Blake noted items from his written report and summarized the information that was included in the agenda book. He also highlighted the attachments related to the financial feasibility study and distributed a copy of the *Virginia Business* magazine article addressing SCHEV's Plan for Higher education.

Boards of Visitors orientation – Mr. Blake extended special thanks to Mr. Minor, Mr. Fralin, Ms. Webb, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Light for their participation in this year’s event. Attendance included 33 new board members, five rectors, the chair of the State Board for Community Colleges, the President of Virginia Military Institute, and 10 board professionals. Mayor Stoney and Governor McAuliffe spoke at the reception. Council members and staff received positive feedback about the event. A survey has been sent to attendees and results will be shared with the Council in January.

Virginia Research Investment Committee – Members were invited to attend the November 7 meeting, at which time the Committee will receive the consultant’s second report from the asset-assessment study. The Committee is scheduled to meet again to select the Virginia Research Investment Fund awardees on December 11.

Mr. Blake reminded members of the closed-session discussion in September and asked Dr. DeFilippo to provide an update on the regulatory process related to the change in ownership for the American College of Commerce and Technology (ACCT).

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEES

Report from Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Webb summarized the following items addressed by the Committee but indicated that there were no actions approved by the Committee at the meeting:

#B3, Discussion of a Data and Policy Agenda for the Commonwealth. Staff will provide recommendations at the January meeting. Mr. Massa suggested that two Council members be appointed to work with staff to develop the plan, and Mr. Fralin appointed Mr. Ampy and Mr. Slater.

#B4, Briefing on Examination of Access to Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities in Virginia. Dr. DeFilippo presented information from the report and its recommendations to the Committee.

#B5, Update on Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Staff will provide a plan of action to the Committee in January.

#B6, Update on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) in Virginia. The Committee received a report that indicated 48 states are currently participating. There are 50 institutions participating in Virginia. Ms. Webb reported that the reciprocity agreement has allowed for a more efficient process.

The Chairman called for a break at 10:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00. Mr. Slater did not return from the break.

Report from Resources and Planning Committee

Ms. Connelly provided the Committee's report of the following items and answered questions from members.

#C3, Action on 2018-20 Systemwide Operating Budget

Ms. Connelly reviewed the revised version of the budget recommendations and resolution that was distributed at the meeting. She stressed that the recommendations attempt to balance the systemwide needs with the reality that many other conflicting needs exist. She reviewed the educational and general programs funding recommendations from the chart on page 52 as well as the student success initiatives from The Virginia Plan for Higher Education and the recommendations for institution-based financial aid. Mr. Blake reviewed the systemic financial aid within the SCHEV budget.

Ms. Connelly reviewed the changes suggested by the Committee and distributed a track changes version to members and attendees.

Members discussed the various recommendations and potential policy statements and Ms. Connelly reminded members that staff would provide additional commentary before the recommendations are approved and transmitted to the Governor and General Assembly.

The following resolution from the Committee was seconded by Mr. Lockhart and the following resolution was approved unanimously (9-0):

WHEREAS, higher education, in all its forms, has transformative powers and is both a public and a private good, and

WHEREAS, the erosion of state funding has resulted in students and their families shouldering an ever increasing portion of the financial burden through tuition increases and,

WHEREAS, Goal #1 of the Virginia Plan for Higher Education is to provide affordable higher education access for all, with the alignment of state appropriations, financial aid, and tuition and fees being critical to attaining this goal and thereby enabling our graduates to compete in the market place and to contribute to a healthy economy and,

WHEREAS it is the objective of the Council that Virginia become the best-educated state by 2030 and that objective is dependent on both institutional reforms and more predictable and sustained support from the Commonwealth, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that additional operating budget appropriations be provided in the 2018-2020 biennium for:

- **Cost of education, \$7.2 million from the general fund and \$7.4 million in nongeneral funds for a total of \$14.6 million in FY2019 and \$14.4 million from the general fund and \$14.7 million from nongeneral funds for a total of \$29.1 million in FY2020;**
- **Faculty recruitment and retention, \$27.7 million from the general fund and \$28.7 million from nongeneral funds for a total of \$56.4 million in FY2019 and \$56.6 million from the general fund and \$58.5 million from nongeneral funds for a total of \$115.1 million in FY2020;**
- **Operation and maintenance of new facilities coming online, \$8.6 million from the general fund in FY2019 and \$17.2 million from the general fund in FY2020 for a total of \$25.8 million for the biennium;**
- **Virginia Plan initiatives: student access, success and talent development, \$6.5 million from the general fund in FY2019 and \$8.5 million from the general fund in FY2020;**
- **Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund, \$16.2 million from the general fund for debt service in FY2020;**
- **Undergraduate student financial aid, \$16.2 million from the general fund in FY2019 and \$29.3 million from the general fund in FY2020;**
- **Graduate student financial aid, \$3.0 million from the general fund in FY2019 and \$6.0 million from the general fund in FY2020;**
- **Two-year transfer grant, \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2019 and \$775,000 from the general fund in FY2020.**
- **Tuition Assistance Grant, \$1.4 million from the general fund in FY2019 and \$7.7 million from the general fund in FY2020;**
- **New Economy Workforce Credential Grant, \$1 million from the general fund per year in 2018-20 biennium.**
- **Restoration of financial benefits, \$4 million from the general fund and \$1 million from nongeneral funds per year in 2018-20 biennium.**
- **Fund for excellence and innovation, \$275,000 from the general fund per year in 2018-20 biennium;**
- **Virtual Library of Virginia, \$945,000 from the general fund in FY2019 and \$1.3 million from the general fund in FY2020;**

- **Staffing for Virginia research investment, \$350,000 from the general fund in FY2019 and \$460,000 from the general fund in FY2020;**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that additional funding for cost of education and institutional priorities recommended here come primarily from the general fund, thereby mitigating the need for institutions to increase tuition revenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that institutions would have discretion to use the additional appropriations for priorities that improve affordable access, enhance student success, foster change and improvement and promote economic and cultural prosperity – the four goals of The Virginia Plan for Higher Education.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends the pursuit of further restructuring, as set forth in Section E. (Policy Considerations in Support of More Sustainable and Efficient Funding) of the attached document, that advances stable and predictable funding, institutional autonomy and efficiency, and more affordable options to high quality education.

#C3a., Action on 2018-20 Systemwide Capital Outlay Budget: Maintenance Reserve

The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Webb and approved unanimously (9-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends the appropriation of \$121,521,931 annually from the general fund to the Maintenance Reserve Program for higher education institutions in the 2018-20 Biennium.

#C3b., Action on 2018-20 Systemwide Capital Outlay Budget: New Capital Outlay

The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Ramsey and approved unanimously (9-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia calculates a need for \$1,158,787,800 from the general fund and \$99,834,600 from nongeneral funds and debt proceeds to support the capital outlay needs of the Commonwealth's system of public higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that priority for debt authorization be provided for the Maintenance Reserve Program.

#C3a., Action on 2018-20 Systemwide Capital Outlay Budget: Maintenance Reserve

Mr. Hix briefly reviewed the recommendation from the chart on page 67 which was reviewed in September. He answered questions from members. Mr. Fralin congratulated the universities for addressing this during difficult times. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Mr. Ridenour and the following resolution was approved unanimously (9-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends the appropriation of \$121,521,931 annually from the general fund to the Maintenance Reserve Program for higher education institutions in the 2018-20 Biennium.

#C4, Action on Enrollment Projections and Degree Estimates:

Ms. Connelly asked Mr. Massa to provide a brief review but noted that in large part, the report is the same as presented at the last meeting. Mr. Massa indicated that the report was updated to reflect a few errors in enrollment that institutions corrected. He indicated that the system remains on track to meet the Council goals. Mr. Blake said Ms. Massa's presentation time on this important item is short but reminded members that much time goes into getting the numbers. The Committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Ramsey and the following resolution was approved unanimously (9-0):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the FY 2017-2021 institutional enrollment projections and degree estimates as reflected in Tables 1-10 for the purposes of budgetary and fiscal planning, and performance measurement. Staff is directed to make the detailed enrollment targets and degree estimates available to the public via the SCHEV website.

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.

DISCUSSION OF UPDATES TO THE VIRGINIA PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Blake introduced the item and asked that the Council members involved with each of the initiatives provide an update.

Dr. Ramsey provided a report on initiatives 1 and 4 (affordable pathways and relevance to occupation demands). Mr. Fralin suggested that Council have a broader discussion of credit transfer and suggested that the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System be invited to a future meeting.

Mr. Ampy reviewed the draft assessment plans and indicated that Ms. Massa and his staff will continue to work on the data. Draft changes to the Administrative Code will be proposed.

Ms. Connelly provided an update on initiative 2 (stable and sustainable public funding for higher education).

Mr. Ridenour provided an update on initiative 3 (initiatives for further restructuring and shared services) and reported that he has had conversations with financial officers from the level 3 institutions about their interest in pursuing further restructuring. He underscored that both Council and staff are open to this idea and he is hopeful the finance officers will come forward with a plan for restructuring. Mr. Fralin stressed to legislative liaisons present the importance of moving quickly for the upcoming legislative session.

Ms. Webb provided an update of initiative 5 (communications strategy). She reported that SCHEV currently has almost 1,000 subscribers to the newsletters. Mr. Ampy provided remarks at the second of the "SCHEV Talks" to staff, and Ms. Connelly volunteered to speak at the next one. Ms. Webb reported that staff has found the sessions useful. She also directed members' attention to the written report in the book and distributed an article regarding workforce that was recently featured in the *Virginia Business* magazine. Ms. Webb also noted that Mr. Blake and Ms. Covington continue to meet with legislators.

Mr. Light provided an update on initiative 6 (promoting economic development). He informed members that the reports of Phase 1 of the assessment of the Commonwealth's research assets from the consultant are on the SCHEV website. The consultant will provide a more detailed report by end of year. Mr. Moret recently provided a presentation to the presidents at the General and Professional Advisory Committee (GPAC) to discuss the relationship between higher education and economic development. He will provide additional information to the Council in January. Mr. Moret thanked Mr. Blake for his involvement in the Virginia Economic Development Partnership strategic plan.

RECEIPT OF ITEMS DELEGATED TO STAFF

Mr. Blake informed members that the items Council delegated to staff were included in the agenda book. As required, a copy of these items is attached to the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Blake publicly acknowledged Mr. Hix for his years of service and reminded members of Mr. Hix's upcoming retirement. Mr. Fralin read the following resolution which was approved unanimously (9-0):

WHEREAS, R. Dan Hix has dedicated over 38 years of service to the Commonwealth;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix provided strong leadership to the Council by serving as Director of Finance Policy since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix has forged strong and meaningful relationships with legislative and executive staff to help promote the Council's efforts in developing innovative statewide finance policies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix brought unparalleled excellence and integrity to his work on behalf of the Council, particularly in his management of the agency's systemwide budgetary functions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix's vision and experience helped to advance the Council during periods of considerable change; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix has earned the respect of Council members, institutional finance officers, and his fellow staff members for his compassion and steadfast work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix has been tireless in his efforts to bring constituencies from across the Commonwealth together to promote and improve higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix has left an indelible legacy on SCHEV and on Virginia higher education for future generations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to R. Dan Hix for his commitment, distinguished service, and numerous contributions to higher education in Virginia, and extends to him best wishes for continued success in his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Hix expressed his appreciation to the Council and staff for their support.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Blake provided an update and status of each item requested from members at the last meeting which were included on page 127 of the agenda book.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Henry Light
Council Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

Items Delegated to Director/Staff

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," the following items were approved/not approved as delegated to staff:

Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
John Tyler Community College	New Degree Program Approved: Associate of Applied Science degree program in Advanced Manufacturing Technology (15.0613) [Conferral: Fall 2018]	Spring 2018
Lord Fairfax Community College	New Degree Program Approved: Associate of Applied Science degree program in Medical Laboratory Technology (51.1004) [Conferral: Spring 2019]	Spring 2018
Thomas Nelson Community College	Program Title Change Approved: Associate of Applied Science Degree in Computer Arts to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Graphic and Media Design (50.0401)	Spring 2018

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," the following items were reported:

Diploma, Certificate, Discontinued and Modified Programs

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Old Dominion University	Initiate a new Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Executive (51.0701) [Conferral: Summer 2018]	Spring 2018
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	Simple Program Modification: Modify the credit hours of the Master of Business Administration degree program in Business Administration (52.0101) from 59 to 62 credit hours.	Spring 2018

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 23.1-203 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes*," the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Institution	Change/Site	Effective Date
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Institution	Change/Site	Effective Date
Radford University	Rename the College of Science and Technology to the Artis College of Science and Technology . The college has been re-named in accord with a gift agreement.	October 31, 2017
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	Establish an off-campus instructional site: Peninsula Center at 41 Old Oyster Point Road, Interstate Professional Center, Suite F, Newport News, Virginia 23602.	September 15, 2017.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Rename the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures . The change removes inaccurate connotations associated with the word “foreign” and reflects the scope and diversity in the languages offered by the department.	October 30, 2017
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Rename the Department of Human Development to the Department of Human Development and Family Science . The change recognizes the curricular centrality of family science within in the department and the expertise of department faculty.	September 15, 2017
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Rename the Department of Science and Technology in Society to the Department of Science, Technology, and Society . The change aligns the department’s nomenclature with conventions in the field.	September 15, 2017

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL SESSION
OCTOBER 30, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES**

Mr. Fralin called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the SCHEV 9th floor conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Ken Ampy, Rosa Atkins, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, Gene Lockhart, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, Thomas Slater, and Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: G. Gilmer Minor, III, Stephen Moret, and William Murray.

Staff members present: Peter Blake, Alan Edwards, Joe DeFilippo, Bernadette Haxhaj, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Ashley Lockhart, Tod Massa, and Lee Ann Rung.

Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

PRESENTATION ON SAVING FOR COLLEGE

Mr. Blake reminded members that topics of interest will be incorporated into future agendas. He introduced Ms. Mary Morris, Chief Executive Officer, Virginia529, and noted that she is an acknowledged expert in her field.

Ms. Morris discussed proposed changes to the program and distributed a copy of her presentation. The 529 prepaid program has been in existence for 20 years. Currently, out of 100 programs in the country, only 12 are prepaid programs. This is attributed to the fact that prepaid programs are difficult to administer.

After a year of studying alternate plans, the agency will roll out a new prepaid benefit model for the future that addresses flexibility, simplicity, certainty, and affordability. Rather than guaranteeing full tuition, the new program will use a weighted average tuition (WAT) which will cover tuition at most, but not all, universities in Virginia. It will allow students attending a private or out-of-state institution to apply credits to attend these institutions.

Colleges and universities will receive payouts sooner with the new program, and existing contract holders can switch to the new program if they desire to do so. Ms. Morris answered questions from members.

She explained that her agency provides a benefit to its staff of approximately 80-90 people wherein the agency matches up to \$529 when a staff member opens a new account. Mr. Blake reminded members that last year he addressed a similar idea with the Department of Human Resources and the Secretary of Finance. Although no action has been taken in this regard, Council members requested that Mr. Blake consider implementing a matching program for SCHEV staff.

FOLLOW-UP FROM RECENT MEETINGS

Mr. Blake reviewed items from the last meeting and Mr. Fralin reminded members of his recommendation that a small group of Council members meet with college presidents to work through the issues that were discussed in the September joint meeting. Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Fralin met recently with President Cabrera and President Alger, chair and vice chair of the Council of Presidents, respectively. Mr. Fralin noted the three broad areas that were mentioned in the meeting and opened a discussion to gather input from Council members.

Among the items discussed were:

Explaining the rising cost of tuition, noting that increases would have been higher without cost-saving measures taken by the institutions;

Working with pre-K-12 to advise students to ensure student success;

Raising awareness of service learning and civic engagement;

Getting into the community to ensure that families, not just students, receive the message about college opportunity;

Considering students' post-graduation success as part of the institutional accreditation process.

Mr. Blake said there is an interest in having SCHEV host a small group meeting with rectors and vice rectors at colleges around similar issues. Staff will pursue the matter.

OTHER

Mr. Slater complimented staff on the successful boards of visitors orientation session on October 24-25. He noted that the program continues to improve each year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Henry Light
Council Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 30, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES**

Ms. Webb (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Ken Ampy, Rosa Atkins, Gene Lockhart, and Carlyle Ramsey.

Committee members absent: None.

Staff members present: Beverly Covington, Joseph G. DeFilippo, Jodi Fisler, Wendy Kang, Ashley Lockhart, Paula Robinson, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, Darlene Derricott, and Sandra Freeman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Ampy, and seconded by Dr. Ramsey, minutes from the September 18, 2017, meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Webb introduced and invited staff to present information on the following topics:

DISCUSSION OF A DATA AND POLICY AGENDA FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Mr. Massa explained SCHEV's role in the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (VLDS) and how SCHEV can leverage these data while weighing cost and privacy issues.

Ms. Webb requested that an Academic Affairs subcommittee be formed, consisting of two Council members in addition to select SCHEV staff, to assist Mr. Massa with focusing SCHEV's priorities with regard to its VLDS leadership role. The Committee members agreed, and Mr. Ampy volunteered to join the subcommittee.

BRIEFING ON EXAMINATION OF ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN VIRGINIA

Dr. DeFilippo described the report and its recommendations to the Committee. There was some discussion about the phenomenon of students with intellectual disabilities accessing higher education. Dr. DeFilippo recommended that SCHEV commence discussion with the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD) to create an advisory committee, as recommended by the report.

UPDATE ON ACICS SCHOOLS OPERATING IN VIRGINIA

Dr. DeFilippo reminded Committee members about the loss of ACICS' federal recognition and its effect on certain institutions in Virginia. There are 16 institutions operating under conditional certification until June 2018, 11 of which are on track to receive full accreditation.

Ms. Rosa-Casanova provided an update to the committee on the affected institutions, and will solicit an update in December from the five institutions that are not on schedule to receive accreditation. There was a brief discussion regarding the various certification options and scenarios, and the possible effects on an institution's SARA status. Council will receive a further update at its January meeting.

UPDATE ON THE STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA) IN VIRGINIA

Dr. DeFilippo provided an update to the Committee on Virginia's SARA institutions and recognized Ms. Derricott for her work administering Virginia's SARA responsibilities. Dr. DeFilippo and Ms. Derricott answered questions from members on the criteria for SARA membership and the application process.

INTRODUCTION OF MR. MARK SINGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGINIA CAREER COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

Ms. Webb introduced Mr. Singer to the Committee. Mr. Singer briefly remarked on the status of those institutions affected by ACICS.

REPORT OF THE STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE

There was some discussion on the status of dual enrollment in Virginia. Ms. Covington provided an update on the recent meetings of the Sexual Violence Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Webb adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Katharine Webb
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Ashley Lockhart
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 30, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. in the SCHEV 9th floor conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Marge Connelly, Henry Light, Stephen Moret, Minnis Ridenour, and Thomas Slater.

Committee member absent: William Murray.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Russ Carmichael, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Tod Massa, Jean Mottley, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng.

Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Mr. Slater the minutes from the September 18, 2017, meeting were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF 2018-20 SYSTEMWIDE OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Connelly reminded members that the goal is to present budget items that are in line with The Virginia Plan for Higher Education while remaining advocates for worthy investments in higher education.

Mr. Hix reviewed the summary table on page 52 and indicated that this is a biennial budget which will assist institutions to realize two-year funding before the board makes decisions on setting tuition rates. He answered questions from members. The budget recommendations that staff presented are an attempt to strike a balance of the system needs while realizing limits on funding. Council requested that staff develop data points around other concerns related to sustained funding before transmitting the recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

Mr. Hix provided feedback about the turnover rate for faculty, as requested at the last meeting.

There was an interactive discussion among members addressing the various charts that Mr. Hix presented.

Mr. Andes presented the summary of financial aid recommendations. He said the number of students considered in need of financial aid as defined in the model has reduced by 7.5% between award years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Mr. Andes discussed the graduate financial aid chart. Mr. Slater requested data on graduate financial aid related to specific programs that could reveal gaps warranting development of additional programs such as the cyber security grant program.

Mr. Robert Lambeth, President of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia was asked to introduce Dr. David Bushman, President of Bridgewater College, who provided input on the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) from the private college perspective. He distributed a handout showing statistics on the number of private college students that benefit from the grant. He thanked Council members for its support for TAG and requested that Council continue to make TAG a priority in its funding recommendations. Dr. Scott Miller, President of Virginia Wesleyan, and Dr. Jennifer Braaten, President of Ferrum College, also provided input about their students that receive TAG funds. Mr. Lambeth also expressed his thanks and reported that the private colleges are doing what The Virginia Plan indicates, even though it is difficult work. He requested that Council consider a more aspirational goal in funding TAG.

Mr. Blake reminded members that the current amount for TAG is \$3,300 and calculations based on assumption would go to \$3,400 in the first year and \$3,450 in the second year. Mr. Light and Mr. Slater expressed an interest in recommending \$3,500 and staff was asked to make a change to the recommendation before submitting to the full Council.

The Committee Chair requested that staff take the comments and rework the budget resolution for presentation at the October 31 full Council meeting.

Maintenance Reserve

On a motion by Mr. Slater and seconded by Mr. Light the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

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New Capital Outlay

Mr. Hix discussed the priorities and answered questions from members. On a motion by Mr. Slater and seconded by Mr. Ridenour the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that priority for debt authorization be provided for the Maintenance Reserve Program.

Mr. Hix reviewed the eight staff proposals related to policy statements starting on page 49. Council members discussed the items and asked staff to remove item 3, which dealt with the state's cost-share policy.

Mr. Blake informed the Committee that Mr. Hix will be retiring at the end of the year, making this his last meeting with the Resources and Planning Committee. Members recognized Mr. Hix for his hard work and thanked him for a job well done.

ACTION ON ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND DEGREE ESTIMATES

Mr. Massa reported that there were minimal changes from the projections reported at the last meeting. A few edits were made to correct errors in submissions. On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Mr. Slater the following resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the FY 2017-2021 institutional enrollment projections and degree estimates as reflected in Tables 1-10 for the purposes of budgetary and fiscal planning, and performance measurement. Staff is directed to make the detailed enrollment targets and degree estimates available to the public via the SCHEV website.

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs