

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2015
MINUTES**

Dr. Carlyle Ramsey (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in SCHEV Offices, 10th Floor Main Conference Room, in Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Martin Briley, Heywood Fralin, Bill Murray, and Carlyle Ramsey. Katie Webb joined the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Committee member absent: Gene Lockhart (Chair).

Staff members present: Joseph G. DeFilippo, Darlene Derricott and Monica Osei.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Fralin, minutes from the September 21, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Data Analysis and Applied Statistics

In attendance from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

Dr. J.P. Morgan, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, College of Science

Dr. Eric Smith, Professor, Department of Statistics

Dr. Rosemary Blieszner, Assistant Vice Provost, Enrollment & Degree Management (SCHEV liaison)

Dr. DeFilippo directed members to the program information located on page A4 of the agenda book. He provided an overview of the program including the required credit hours, the well documented need for competent education, and the distinctiveness of duplicative programs at Virginia institutions.

Institutional staff responded to Dr. Murray's question that this is not a terminal or pre-doctoral program because an existing Master of Science in Statistics serves this purpose. Members also discussed briefly the submission of future applications for data analytic programs, the opportunities for research institutions, and the program's applicability. It was also mentioned that in the future, it is possible that every institution will have to have a degree program of this type.

On motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Fralin, 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 grants approval to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to initiate a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Data Analysis and Applied Statistics (CIP: 27.0304), effective fall 2016.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTING HB 1336

Dr. DeFilippo explained this is a discussion item only and staff is seeking council's feedback. He provided contextual information on House Bill 1336 and Code of Virginia § 23-9.2:3.10 requirements, which includes SCHEV's statutory charge to work with governing boards of institutions and the major elements for awarding course credit for the four pre-collegiate examinations. He explained that the bill requires a greater degree of consistency across institutions.

Dr. DeFilippo apprised members of staff visits to the institutions and community colleges and the efforts undertaken by Ms. Ashley Lockhart to compile the spreadsheet on page A14. He explained the data and variability of four-year public institutions' application of scores and indicated that the draft policy assumes a minimum score of 3 as the default threshold but allows institutions to have higher thresholds for considerations of student success and possibly other qualitative factors. The higher thresholds would include the submission of documentation to SCHEV as indicated in section IIC3 on page A12. In other words, an institution does not have to give 3 but can make the case if it should be something else. Staff is suggesting the use of a systemic tiering approach which would be communicated with the Provosts to make it easier for the institutions and SCHEV.

Members expressed concerns about setting a specified norm. Mr. Fralin indicated that standardizing the quality may be good if students can perform in quality courses and graduate in 3 years but cautioned not to move too fast. Ms. Webb emphasized that working with the institutions is essential to ensure that we do not have a one size fit all policy. Dr. Ramsey suggested that staff might want to meet with the patron. Dr. DeFilippo responded that flexibility incorporated into the policy would be related to student success, and staff would seek to utilize an advisory committee to review institutional implementation.

Several members expressed an interest in obtaining information on the general distribution at high schools across the states and by districts, a comparison of competitors and other state mandates. Dr. DeFilippo indicated that that he will seek the assistance of the College Board in compiling relevant information, and that he will express council concerns when he meets with the Provosts in November. Dr. DeFilippo thanked the committee for its feedback.

BRIEFING ON GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY PLANS FOR A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In attendance from George Mason University (GMU)

Dr. Robert M. Weiler, Professor and Chair, Department of Global and Community Health

Dr. Thomas R. Prohaska, Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Dr. Weiler thanked the committee for the opportunity to share the institution's plans for a school of public health and extended a special thank you to Drs. DeFilippo and Osei for their encouragement to brief members on the progress. He distributed a Powerpoint handout, *A School of Public Health at George Mason University*, to committee members and explained public health and its impact on the population. Dr. Weiler's presentation included information on the history of public health at GMU, the accrediting process and requirements, and the investments, benefits and costs of establishing a school of public health in the Commonwealth. In response to a question about the likelihood of General Assembly funding, Dr. Weiler explained that most of its funding has been done through their own resources and can be attributed to the growth of the institution. Dr. DeFilippo explained that other institutions had seriously considered establishing a school but gave up the effort because of the substantial costs. Dr. Weiler explained the next steps, including the submission of a PhD proposal to SCHEV.

The committee thanked Drs. Weiler and Prohaska for their presentation and suggested a follow up briefing in the future.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. DeFilippo reported on items I-IV and added that he and other state leaders will be attending a SREB State Education Forum on October 29 and 30, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida. The forum will focus on student transitions from K-12 to higher education.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Carlyle Ramsey
Vice Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Darlene Derricott
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2015
MINUTES**

Ms. Connelly called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, 9th floor, Richmond, Virginia. Committee members present: Gil Bland, Marge Connelly, Henry Light, and Minnis Ridenour.

Committee members absent: Gary Nakamoto and Pamela Moran.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Ridenour, the minutes from the September 21, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously.

ACTION ON ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND DEGREE ESTIMATES

Ms. Connelly pointed out the projections that if current trends continue, the goals for additional degrees that are part of the Virginia Plan for Higher Education will not be met. She also mentioned that private colleges are anticipating a higher growth rate than publics in first time college students and no growth is projected for community colleges.

Mr. Ridenour expressed a need to understand the numbers and to find ways to challenge enrollment growth in order to be serious about the attainment goal. Mr. Bland said historically black colleges and universities, the change in demography and Pell eligible and underserved students need to be part of the conversation and could raise additional questions. Mr. Minor questioned the return on investment by the state and asked if an increase in financial aid would assist all students and still achieve the goal. Mr. Blake said the resolution on RP5 speaks to budget and other elements of the Virginia Plan that would address these issues.

On a motion by Mr. Ridenour and seconded by Mr. Bland, the following resolution was approved unanimously (4-0) to be forwarded to the full Council. (Mr. Light was not present for the vote):

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the FY 2015-2022 institutional enrollment projections and degree estimates as reflected in Tables 1-10 of Item 3.a 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.

ACTION ON 2016-18 SYSTEMWIDE OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Blake directed members and the public to the amended versions of the resolution on page RP43, the table on page RP60, and the new capital outlay sections that were distributed. He referred to the proposal as being “balanced” and meeting the needs of the Virginia Plan and the Council’s interests. If the Governor and General Assembly support it, Virginia could see the lowest tuition increase in 15 years.

Mr. Hix reminded members of the updated charts for the erosion report that SCHEV produced in 2009 and indicated that page RP28 demonstrates how higher education funding has eroded over time.

Mr. Light joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Hix reviewed several charts included in the agenda book and distributed results of an informal poll of the Finance Advisory Committee that highlighted their budget priorities.

Mr. Blake indicated that staff’s recommendation is a valid and reasonable approach that is fair to the institutions, and can minimize tuition increases.

Mr. Hix discussed the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund (HEETF) and reminded members that the Council has advocated for this critical, well regarded program in the past. Over the life of the program, \$1B worth of equipment has been placed in institutions.

Virginia Plan Initiatives

There was discussion about allocations based on graduation rates, retention, high demand disciplines, and underrepresented populations while allowing institutions to use the funds at their discretion. Ms. Connelly was comfortable with this approach on the operating budget.

Ms. Connelly requested that before submitting the information to the Governor, staff include information about how Virginia fares in research when compared to other states.

With regard to workforce credentials, Mr. Minor reminded members that the Council provided a general endorsement as requested by the Chancellor of the Virginia

Community College System at the last meeting. After some discussion, staff was asked to modify the proposal to endorse a carry-forward provision from one year to the next.

During the discussion of student financial aid, Ms. Connelly asked that staff include a statement demonstrating how this proposal is good for the Commonwealth, not just the student.

Mr. Minor led a discussion about the Tuition Assistance Grant and after receiving input from other members, staff was asked to modify the resolution to reiterate the commitment to work toward a goal of \$3,700. Mr. Minor asked the committee to modify the staff's recommendation in the second year of the biennium to increase the award to \$3,350. The committee supported this change.

Mr. Bland and Ms. Connelly congratulated Mr. Blake and his staff for the outstanding work that was done to prepare the budget recommendations.

On a motion by Mr. Light and seconded by Mr. Ridenour the following amended resolution was approved unanimously (5-0) to be forwarded to the full Council:

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 global market place and to contribute to a healthy economy with the state, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia recommends that additional operating budget appropriations be provided in the 2016-18 biennium for:

- **Cost of education and institutional priorities, \$44.3 million from the general fund and \$12.7 million in nongeneral funds for a total of \$57.0 million in FY2017 and \$50.4 million from the general fund and \$17.9 million in nongeneral funds for a total of \$68.3 million in FY2018;**
- **Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund, \$11.8 million from the general fund for debt service in FY2018;**
- **Performance allocation for student success, \$15 million from the general fund per year;**

- Research competitiveness, \$5.7 million from the general fund for debt service in FY2018;
- Workforce credentials, \$10 million from the general fund in FY2017 and \$15 million from the general fund in FY2018;
- Undergraduate student financial aid, \$24.1 million from the general fund in FY2017 and \$32.1 million from the general fund in FY2018;
- Graduate student financial aid, \$4.0 million from the general fund in FY2017 and \$6.0 million from the general fund in FY2018;
- Virginia military survivor and dependent education program, \$50,000 from the general fund in FY2017 and \$158,000 from the general fund in FY2018.
- Two-year transfer grant, \$1.7 million from the general fund in FY2017 and \$3.7 million from the general fund in FY2018.
- Two-year transfer grant - incentive, \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2017 and \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2018.
- Regional grants and contracts, \$5,000 from the general fund per year.
- Tuition Assistance Grant, \$5.7 million from the general fund in FY2017 and \$8.5 million from the general fund in FY2018; and reaffirm the council's commitment to increase the TAG award to \$3,700.
- Virtual Library of Virginia, \$1.4 million from the general fund per year.
- Fund for excellence and innovation, \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2017 and \$1.0 million from the general fund in FY2018;
- Virginia longitudinal data system, \$1.3 million from the general fund per year;
- SCHEV staffing, \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2017 and \$400,000 from the general fund in FY2018.

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 FINALLY 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.

ACTION ON 2016-18 SYSTEMWIDE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET

New Capital Outlay

Mr. Hix provided background information and on a motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Light the following revised resolution was approved unanimously to be forwarded to the full Council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia calculates a need for \$2,662,902,545 from the general fund and \$524,135,406 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.

Maintenance Reserve

On a motion by Mr. Bland and seconded by Mr. Light 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 recommends the appropriation of \$116,308,980 annually from the general fund to the Maintenance Reserve Program for higher education institutions in the 2016-18 Biennium.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Committee Chair

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive & Board Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015
MINUTES**

Mr. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the SCHEV main conference room, 101 N. 14th Street, 9th floor, Richmond, Virginia. Council members present: Gilbert Bland, Martin Briley, Marge Connelly, Heywood Fralin, Henry Light, G. Gilmer Minor, III, William Murray, Gary Nakamoto, Carlyle Ramsey, Minnis Ridenour, and Katie Webb.

Council members absent: Gene Lockhart and Pamela Moran.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Dan Hix, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Lee Ann Rung, and Yan Zheng. Al Wilson from the Office of the Attorney General was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Minor reported that no requests for public comment were received in advance of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Webb, the minutes from the special meeting on August 31, 2015, and the Council meeting on September 22, 2015, were approved unanimously (10-0). Mr. Briley was not present for the vote.

REMARKS BY TERESA SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (UVA)

Mr. Minor read Dr. Sullivan's bio and thanked her for attending.

President Sullivan provided a presentation of UVA's Affordable Excellence program. She reviewed the cornerstone and pillars of the plan and discussed the Affordable Excellence framework. President Sullivan reviewed the timeline for the subcommittee and development of the model and explained that the plan not only addresses financial aid, but includes multi-funding strategies. She answered questions from members with regard to research. Members commended President Sullivan for her leadership and for putting together an effective team at UVA. A copy of her presentation is available on the SCHEV website.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Blake briefly reviewed the items in the written report which was included in the agenda book.

Boards of Visitors (BOV). Mr. Blake informed the Council that the orientation for newly appointed BOV members was held on October 20-21, 2015. There were 46 new board members in attendance. In addition, one rector, one Chair and two vice rectors attended. He thanked the Council members who participated in the event and indicated that survey results will be shared at the next meeting.

Outstanding Faculty Awards (OFA). Mr. Blake asked members to note the date of this event which is scheduled for February 16, 2016. He reported that there were 92 nominations this year. The selection panel will make its recommendations at a meeting scheduled for December 10.

College Application Week. Staff is working with the Governor's office to have November 16-20 declared Virginia College Application Week.

General Professional Advisory Committee (GPAC). Mr. Blake informed the Council that the budget recommendations submitted for Council approval reflect input received from GPAC.

Campus Sexual Violence. SCHEV will convene the new Sexual Assault Prevention Advisory Committee (SAPAC) on December 3, 2015. The SAPAC was established in response to a recommendation from the Governor's Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence to look at opportunities for improvement. Beverly Covington will coordinate and host this meeting for SCHEV.

The chair called for a break at 10:05. The meeting resumed at 10:15.

Update on Initiatives for *The Virginia Plan*

Mr. Blake asked Ms. Kang to provide an update and she discussed progress made since the last meeting. She reminded members that staff meets regularly with advisory groups and suggested that these groups be recruited to help move the plan forward. Ms. Kang also reminded members that staff has held meetings with key listeners, state policymakers and others to gather input.

Ms. Kang reviewed the chart on page 12 of the agenda book and suggested that progress on the initiatives be reported at each Council committee meeting. Mr. Minor inquired if existing resources were sufficient to carry out the goals of the Plan and Mr. Blake indicated that staff would align its work to fit the goals and initiatives of the Plan.

Dr. Ramsey inquired about the possibility of staggering committee meetings rather than having concurrent meetings to allow members to sit in on both committees.

Mr. Fralin suggested that a meeting be held before the end of December with the Governor and key leadership of the General Assembly in an effort to get their thoughts and ideas on how best to proceed, particularly with regard to some of the

initiatives that will require legislative action. Ms. Kang indicated that SCHEV is already doing some of this through regular meetings with the Secretary of Education and legislative leaders.

Ms. Webb requested that staff provide to the Council any feedback received from the advisory committees and Mr. Blake indicated that would be part of the updates provided at each committee meeting.

Dr. Murray suggested that because of Virginia's one-term Governor, the Council might consider reaching out to upcoming state leaders. Mr. Blake indicated that Council members can play an important role in this regard. Mr. Fralin stressed the importance of meeting with members of the General Assembly and their staffs as well as others, including the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, Department of Planning and Budget, and others.

Mr. Minor requested that he and Mr. Fralin develop, with staff, a communications plan that could be advanced to the Council at its next meeting. Several members stressed that in order to achieve a positive result, citizens, particularly parents of students, must be engaged in the goals of the Plan.

Mr. Blake said he would take the Council's feedback, incorporate it into what is already being done, and provide a report at the January meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee

Action on Programs at Public Institutions

Virginia Tech MA in Data Analysis and Applied Statistics

Dr. Ramsey provided a brief explanation of the program and introduced the following guests from Virginia Tech in attendance:

- Dr. J.P. Morgan, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, College of Science
- Dr. Eric Smith, Professor, Department of Statistics
- Dr. Rosemary Blieszner, Assistant Vice Provost, Enrollment & Degree Management (SCHEV liaison)

The Committee's motion was seconded by Mr. Fralin and the following resolution was approved unanimously (9-0, with one abstention). Mr. Briley was not present for the vote and Mr. Ridenour abstained due to his relationship with Virginia Tech:

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Dr. Ramsey informed the Council that the committee also:

- discussed a draft policy for implementing HB1336,
- received a presentation from representatives from George Mason University on their plans for a school of public health, and
- received a liaison report from Dr. DeFilippo.

Resources and Planning Committee

Action on Enrollment Projections and Degree Estimates

Ms. Connelly moved the committee's recommendation and explained that the total estimates suggest that the state may not meet goals established by TJ21 legislation and the Virginia Plan. The projections contain a modest growth for public institutions and considerably more for private institutions.

The committee's motion was seconded by Ms. Webb and the following resolution was approved unanimously (10-0). Mr. Briley was not present for the vote:

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Action on 2016-18 Systemwide Operating Budget

Ms. Connelly said the challenge was to develop recommendations that would best align funding with specific goals while recognizing the uniqueness and autonomy of each institution.

Mr. Blake provided some comments and said it is a balanced plan that aligns with the Virginia Plan, includes performance funding, competitive funding, and room for innovation at institutions. He stressed that if the recommendations are adopted, the Commonwealth could see the lowest tuition increase in 15 years.

The committee's recommendation was seconded by Ms. Webb and the revised resolution as approved unanimously (9-0). Mr. Briley and Dr. Ramsey were not present for the vote:

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Action on 2016-18 Systemwide Capital Outlay Budget

Mr. Hix explained what was included in the resolution and guided members to the various charts that provided an explanation.

The committee's motion was seconded by Dr. Murray and the following resolution was approved unanimously (9-0):

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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.

Maintenance Reserve

Mr. Hix discussed the chart on page RP82. Mr. Fralin expressed concern that by not maintaining its buildings, the Commonwealth actually incurs greater costs. He

suggested that SCHEV determine how much money the Commonwealth is losing by not keeping up with maintenance of its buildings. He also suggested that institutions be required to include maintenance reserve up front when funding for new buildings is secured. It was suggested that each institution consider developing a maintenance reserve fund of its own.

The committee's recommendation was seconded by Dr. Murray 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 \$116,308,980 annually from the general fund to the Maintenance Reserve Program for higher education institutions in the 2016-18 Biennium.

Dr. Murray left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

ITEMS DELEGATED TO STAFF

Mr. Blake noted the categories of recent actions taken by staff as delegated by the Council. As required, a copy of these actions is attached to the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Minor asked for members' input on whether the January meetings should continue to be held all in one day. He requested that members send him or Mr. Blake their suggestions about the meeting times for January.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Marge Connelly
Secretary

Lee Ann Rung
Director, Executive and Board Affairs

Items Delegated to Director/Staff

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
University of Virginia	New Degree Designation: Add the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) to the existing Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Astronomy (40.0201)	Spring 2016

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 and Council's "*Policies and Procedures for Program Approval and Changes*," the following items were reported:

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
College of William and Mary	Initiate Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program in Classical Studies (16.1200) [Conferral: Spring 2016]	Fall 2015
George Mason University	Initiate Graduate Certificate program in Computational Social Science (30.1501) [Conferral: Spring 2016]	Spring 2016

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9:6:1 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
Radford University	Rename the College of Graduate and Professional Studies to the College of Graduate Studies and Research . The College has been re-named to more accurately describe the work of the college and the University's support of research as a key part of the College's mission.	November 1, 2015
Virginia Commonwealth University	Merge the Department of Social and Behavioral Health and the Department of Healthcare Policy and Research to create the Department of Health Behavior and Policy . The Department will administer and coordinate three academic degree programs. The merger of the two departments provides an opportunity to	November 1, 2015

	create synergies in research, facilitate collaborative research, and generate cost savings by eliminating duplicative administrative costs.	
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Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9.14:3 and Council's "*Commonwealth of Virginia Policy on the Reciprocal Authorization of Distance Education and Related Activities*," the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Virginia Institutions Approved to Participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)

Institution	Effective Date
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	September 14, 2015
Longwood University	September 29, 2015
Wytheville Community College	September 29, 2015

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9.14:3 and section 8VAC-40-31-90(B) of the Virginia Administrative Code, the following items were approved as delegated to staff:

Postsecondary, Non-Degree Institutions Certified to Operate in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Institution	Location	Effective Date
Dominion School of Hair Design	Gloucester Point, VA	September 3, 2015
TASC Management Training	Sterling, VA	September 10, 2015
Tri-County Driving Academy	Lebanon, VA	September 28, 2015