

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
EDUCATION SESSION
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

MINUTES

Council Members present: Walter Curt, Jason El Koubi Delceno Miles, Lindsey Fryer, John Jumper, Jennie O' Holleran, Cheryl Oldham, Douglas Straley and Steven Taylor.

Council Members absent: Micah Edmond, William Harvey.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Taylor Clark, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Alexis Gravely, Grace Khattar, Jess Madden, Jessica Minnis-McClain, Laura Osberger, Monica Osei, Kirstin Pantazis, Paula Robinson, Emily Salmon, Juanita Sherman, Barry Simmons, Paul Smith, Bob Spieldenner and Kristin Whelan.

Other notable guests: Deb Love with the Office of the Attorney General. Justin Brown, Joe McMahon and Stephanie Papps from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Council (JLARC).

General Jumper started the meeting at 2:05 p.m. in the Gallery, Room 100 of the Workforce Development Conference Center at Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia. He introduced Justin Brown from JLARC who shared a presentation about Virginia Higher Education.

Mr. Brown introduced the Council to the latest JLARC higher education study, "*The Spending and Efficiency in Higher Education*." The study examined student costs, spending and staffing and efficiency efforts and reducing staff. The average net price for an in-state student is about \$12,500 less than the published total cost of attendance. Still the debt levels for students are higher than the national average with an average of about \$30,000. More students from NSU and VSU take on debt than the rest of the state and at higher amounts. W&M and UVA students take on the least amount of debt. W&M and UVA have larger endowments. Mr. Curt asked about the number of students at NSU and VSU who leave before graduating or take longer to graduate causing them to take on more debt.

The largest area of spending at higher education institutions is instruction. Mr. Curt asked what constitutes academic supports. This includes libraries, deans and other staff who support the academics but are not instructors. Mr. Curt asked about total percentage of spending for instruction and academic support. Instruction accounts for about 28% of spending; academic support shows about 9% of spending. Staffing is the largest expense in the instructional area.

Personnel spending makes up 60% of total spending. Staffing grew the most in the business and finance category at institutions. Dr. Taylor asked what comprised the Business Finance spending. Increasing fed and state reporting requirements and compliance requirements has contributed to the growth of the spending in this area.

The study found that declining enrollment contributed to reduced spending efficiency. The fixed costs, such as facilities, do not decrease when enrollment drops. Declining enrollment also was the primary cause of higher spending per student at most institutions. The increases in spending can result in higher student costs. Mr. Curt questioned the origin of the numbers cited by the study.

JLARC was asked to look at spending drivers. The most common spending drivers were instruction, non-instructional functions, auxiliary enterprises, scholarships and aid, and institutionally funded research.

Changes in the higher education landscape will require that institutions further improve efficiency and focus on student costs. These strategies include:

Reducing staffing, discontinuing less utilized programs and reducing unused square footage. Student fee for intercollegiate athletics are over \$2,000 at more than half the public institutions. The study found that more attention needs to be paid to athletic spending. The recommendation is for the General Assembly to constrain the amount of student fees that can be allocated to intercollegiate athletics by capping the total allowable cost of attendance. Ms. Fryer asked if JLARC had received feedback from the institutions.

Stephanie Papps presented on the “*Higher Education Institution Viability*” study. The growth in high education in Virginia has slowed. Between 2012 -2019, growth slowed to 1% annually and has slowed even more since. Enrollment data shows that only six institutions grew at 6%. The flagship and larger institutions, Virginia Tech and GMU, saw the greatest growth. According to poll numbers, there have been significant drops in interest and confidence in higher education.

The number of high school graduates will peak and then decline starting in 2025. Mr. Curt questioned the source of the data. Mr. Straley asked if the data includes home schooled students.

The study used the following factors to judge institutional viability:

- Graduation rates.
- Enrollment (first year students).
- Retention.
- Pricing power (institutional revenue per FTE student).
- Facility age/ condition.
- Financial health ratios.
- State funds (per FTE student).
- Endowment (per FTE student).

Eight institutions rate as having very low viability risk and require no monitoring - GMU, JMU, ODU, UVA, VCU, VMI and W&M. Four institutions have low viability risk but should be monitored – CNU, LU, NSU and UVA-W. Three institutions also were rated

as having some moderate viability risk but required more monitoring – RU, UMW and VSU. None of the Virginia institutions are in danger of needing to close. It is important to continue to measure the viability. Other measurements, such as Fall 2024 enrollments, changes in tuition discounting strategies and improvement to campuses and building, will be available in time. Mr. Curt asked if JLARC had recommendations to reigning in growth at some of the fastest growing institutions.

Council discussed ways of being more proactive in using these findings.

Justin Brown provided a brief update on the VMSDEP funding. JLARC was asked to look at the sustainability of the program. After comparing the program to similar programs in other states, JLARC created the following policy options:

- Require a student to be in good academic standing.
- Apply other available federal veterans' education benefits before VMSDEP.
- No longer waive tuition and fees for graduate programs.
- Set waiver amount less than tuition and fees, using various methods.
- Reduce or eliminate eligibility if 90% disabled.
- Modify residency requirements.
- Reduce or eliminate eligibility if service-related, but not combat related.

General Jumper summed up the importance of the program and the strong emotions involved in the discussions around changing the program.

The meeting concluded at 3:15 p.m.

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
October 21, 2024**

MINUTES

Ms. Oldham called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., at Massey Library Technology Center, Room LTC 138, Reynolds Community College, in Henrico, VA.

Committee members present: Cheryl Oldham (Chair), Micah Edmond, Lindsey Fryer, Dr. William Harvey, J. Douglas Straley, and Steven Taylor

Staff members present: Joseph G. DeFilippo, Jodi Fisler, Sandra Freeman, Alexis Gravely, Monica Osei, Kirstin Pantazis, Beverly Rebar, Sylvia Rosa-Casanova, Paul Smith, and Bob Spieldenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

On motion by Mr. El Koubi and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the minutes were approved unanimously (6-0).

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

ACTION ON PROPOSED PROGRAM AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION

Dr. DeFilippo introduced the proposed new Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Human Health and Physiology (CIP 26.0908) at The College of William and Mary in Virginia (William and Mary). Dr. DeFilippo noted student demand was demonstrated from current enrollment in related concentrations in existing degree programs, projected employment demand is higher than average according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and that staff received no concerns from other public institutions about duplication.

In response to a query from Dr. Taylor, Dr. Harris, Department Chair of Kinesiology at William and Mary, remarked that the student body in the degree program is expected to be diverse, reflective of the full student body, and not centered around athletes. In response to a query from Ms. Freyer, Dr. Gable, Director of Academic Program Authorization at William and Mary, noted the institution had secured letters of support from multiple local partners.

The following resolution was approved unanimously (6-0) to be forwarded to the full council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to The College of William and Mary in Virginia to initiate a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Human Health and Physiology (CIP code: 26.0908), effective fall 2025.

ACTION ON PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TO PRIVATE AND OUT OF STATE REGULATIONS

Dr. DeFilippo introduced and described the background of the proposed reductions to private and out-of-state regulations. Dr. DeFilippo noted the proposed regulatory changes would partly fulfill SCHEV's obligation to reduce regulations by 25% by December 31, 2025. This obligation was announced in Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 19 (EO19) on "Development and Review of State Regulations." A review by SCHEV's Private Postsecondary Education (PPE) section identified 433 discretionary requirements and 150 requirements for elimination, a net reduction of 34.6%. In total, the reductions will entail reduced time and effort for postsecondary schools both in applying to SCHEV for certification and in maintaining ongoing compliance with regulation.

In response to a query from Ms. Oldham, Ms. Rosa-Casanova explained that institutions were not consulted during staff review, and that the reductions will simplify the regulatory process for institutions by reducing duplicative efforts. In response to a query from Dr. Taylor, Dr. DeFilippo noted the reductions to regulations are anticipated to result in cost savings for both institutions and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) staff.

The following resolutions were approved unanimously (6-0) to be forwarded to the full council:

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves proposed regulatory reductions to Virginia Administrative Code Chapter 31 in accord with Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 19 and guidance provided by the Office of Regulatory Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council delegates to the SCHEV Director, or his assignee, authority to make any modifications that may be necessary to put the regulatory changes into final form and to post them publicly to the Regulatory Town Hall.

RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFF LIAISON

Dr. DeFilippo commented on the recent activities and accomplishments of Academic Affairs staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Oldham adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Cheryl Oldham
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Kirstin Pantazis
Staff, Academic Affairs

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
October 21,2024**

MINUTES

Ms. O' Holleran called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm in the Community Workforce Alliance Conference Center (CCWA) Gallery Room 100, Reynolds Community College, in Henrico, Virginia.

Committee Members present: Jennie O'Holleran (Chair), Delceno Miles, Walter Curt, Gen. John Jumper; virtual attendance: John Olsen and Dr. Carlyle Ramsey

Staff members present Lee Andes, Taylor Clark, Scott Fleming, Grace Khattar, Jessica Minnis-McClain, Paula Robinson, Emily Salmon, Kristin Whelan and Yan Zheng.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 16,2024 Resources and Planning Committee meeting were approved with an amendment that General Jumper was not present at the last meeting on a motion by Ms. O'Holleran and seconded by Ms. Miles.

PRESENTATION ON THE FULL COST REPORT

Dr. Zheng gave a presentation on the Full Cost Report. Council is responsible for annually reviewing public institutions' compliance with a state policy (The Appropriation Act) that nonresident (out-of-state) students pay at least 100 percent (or the "full cost") of education. The policy's objective is to ensure that state funds are not used to support nonresident students. In 2024-25, staff estimates that seven institutions did not meet the full cost requirements: Norfolk State University (NSU), Radford University (RU), University of Mary Washington (UMW), University of Virginia at Wise (UVAW), Virginia State University (VSU), Richard Bland College (RBC), and Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

SCHEV staff notified these institutions and asked three questions (1) How/why this happened; (2) How to prevent the numbers declining any further over the next year; (3) What is a realistic time frame to get back to 100% and what are the obstacles to doing so. When contacted about compliance Richard Bland College, University of Mary Washington, and Radford were not aware of the policy. The agenda book on page 69 provides the findings from the report.

Committee members discussed the possibility of reevaluating the policy. Ms. O'Holleran said that this could be an opportunity to look at the policy and evaluate if it still works.

General Jumper also express interest in the possible reevaluation of the policy. Director Fleming said the committee could look at the metric to see if it was still achieving its objective. Mr. Curt asked if the law would need to change. The Committee wanted to know the next steps necessary to evaluate the policy.

SCHEV staff is going to present this report to the Op-Six group: staff of the Department of Planning and Budget, the secretaries of Finance and Education and the staff of the legislative money committees; and seek their input.

UPDATE ON THE SIX-YEAR PLAN THEMES

Dr. Khattar gave an update on the six-year plan process. Currently, she is receiving questions and feedback from Op-Six about the six-year plans for each institution. She will send those to the institutions by the end of the week. Institutions will submit responses to the comments and final copies of their six-year plans to SCHEV in November. Final copies of each institution's six-year plan will be published on the SCHEV website by December 1st.

There is no action required on this item.

BRIEFING ON THE PELL INITIATIVE FOR VIRGINIA 2024

Dr. Barry Simmons provided an update on the Pell initiative for Virginia (PIV) grant program. The PIV was authorized and funded in 2022 and seeks to enhance public institution efforts to recruit and retain students eligible for Pell grant assistance. SCHEV establishes criteria, evaluates proposals, determines award size, and establishes performance outcomes. The biennial budget provides \$37.5 million for FY 2025 and \$37.5 million for FY 2026 for this initiative. Grants are competitive and the next call for proposals will be released on Oct. 29. Awards for FY 26 are scheduled to be announced by April 7, 2025. Dr. Simmons identified some of the first-year challenges for the program including the October 1st reporting deadline, which fails to take into consideration the student life cycle of higher education and the problematic roll out of the FAFSA among others.

The program is scheduled for an annual report due October 1 of each year; however, staff has noted that this schedule allows insufficient time to incorporate new data from the current fall term. Therefore, staff has provided an initial report as scheduled but anticipates a follow up report later in the fall when more data is available.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. O'Holleran motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:15pm.

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

MINUTES

General Jumper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Gallery, Room 100 of the Workforce Development and Conference Center at Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Virginia.

Council members present: Walter Curt, Micah Edmond, Delceno Miles, Jason El Koubi, William Harvey, Lindsay Fryer, John Jumper, Cheryl Oldham, Jennie O'Holleran, John Olsen (virtual), Carlyle Ramsey (virtual), Douglas Straley and Steven Taylor.

Staff members present: Lee Andes, Taylor Clark, Grace Covello Khattar, Joe DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Scott Fleming, Sandra Freeman, Alexis Gravely, Jessica Madden, Erin McGrath, Jessica Minnis-McClain, Tod Massa, Matthew Nwaneri, Laura Osberger, Monica Osei, Kirstin Pantazis, Paula Robinson, Emily Salmon, Barry Simmons, Paul Smith, Bob Spieldenner, Kristin Whelan and Yan Zheng.

Notable Guests: Deb Love from the Office of the Attorney General and Deputy Secretary of Education Nicholas Kent.

General Jumper read a resolution allowing the remote participation of two Council members, Carlyle Ramsey and John Olsen. Mr. Olsen stated that he is joining remotely due to a personal matter. Dr. Ramsey stated that he is joining remotely because he is more than 60 miles away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. El Koubi and seconded by Mr. Taylor, the minutes from the September 16, 2024, Council of Presidents meetings and the September 17, 2024, Council meeting were approved 11-0.

REMARKS FROM REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT PAULA PANDO

General Jumper introduced Dr. Pando and thanked her for her hospitality. Dr. Pando shared a presentation about Reynolds Community College and about the Virginia Community College System.

Dr. Pando stated that community colleges are a uniquely American invention based on making the American dream available to all. For years, the community college focused only on access. Today, community college 2.0 is access plus completion. Community college 3.0 will focus on access plus success plus post college success.

Dr. Pando highlighted student supports and wraparound services such as Reynolds food pantries, emergency loans, health coverage and finish line funds that help students complete their programs. Embedding work-based learning in all the programs allows students to experiencing working in the field.

The mandate of Reynolds Community College doesn't change; the mission is timeless. Reynolds Community College is positioned to respond to the rapidly changing region and aims to lift people out of poverty and help middle class families better afford higher education.

Dr. Harvey asked about the Reynolds partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Edmond asked about additional fees for credentialing. Ms. Oldham asked about how they keep the curriculum up to date with business practices. Dr. Taylor asked about the ideal way to measure success at Reynolds. Mr. Curt asked about enrollment and transfer data. Mr. Curt also asked how Reynolds works to attract students. Ms. Fryer asked how SCHEV can better support Reynolds.

ACTION ON SYSTEMWIDE BUDGET AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Andes briefed the Council on the staff-formed information to support the Council's budget and policy recommendations ahead of the 2025 General Assembly session. Mr. Andes shared the background on the work and discussions that occurred before the 2024-2026 biennium budget discussions.

Mr. Andes summarized the three areas of concentration for the Council recommendations as follows:

- Systemwide cost increases.
- Student financial aid.
- Statewide priority areas and initiatives.

Among the recommendations highlighted and discussed were the following:

1. Funding the 2nd salary increase for FY25 - \$158 million.
2. Cost of doing business increase, inflationary costs.
3. Increase operation and maintenance facilities which were recommended last year but unfunded.
4. Ask for the remaining funding for financial aid recommendations that were not funded with the financial aid recommendation last year.
5. Workforce credential grant funding.
6. Tuition Assistance grant funding and moving the deadlines.

Council members asked several questions about the recommendations, particularly the Tuition Assistance Grant. After discussion and advice from Mr. Andes, the Council decided to ask the General Assembly to cover the TAG shortfall for FY 2025.

After discussion, the Council decided to amend the language of the TAG award recommendation found on page 106 of the agenda book to recommend increasing the TAG appropriations sufficient, but not to exceed \$9 million, to maintain the current authorized maximum award in 2025-26.

On a motion by General Jumper and seconded by Mr. Straley, the Council approved the following resolution unanimously:

Be it resolved that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the Budget and Policy Recommendations for system operations and financial aid for FY 2026 and directs staff to transmit the recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

DISCUSSION OF REFORMS TO THE SCHEV PROGRAM APPROVAL AND PRODUCTIVITY POLICIES

Dr. DeFilippo presented on possible reforms for the SCHEV program approval and productivity policies. The aim of the reforms is to better integrate with the Council duties as outlined in the Code of Virginia.

Proposed Program Reforms:

1. Eliminate the program approval announcement stage.
2. Provide feedback to institutions once and present to Council after any revisions.
3. Streamline information presented to Council, provide specified objective data rather than a summary.
4. Bring doctoral degree programs to Council to decide whether they can go for external review.
5. Submissions made electronically via modified forms/templates; full proposals posted publicly.

Proposed Program Productivity Reforms:

1. Modify program productivity to include an annual review at specified intervals.
2. Modify the program productivity policy to include measurable outcomes in addition to student enrollment and degree production.

After further discussion in January, staff plans to present the program approvals and productivity changes for Council vote at the March 18, 2025, Council meeting. The changes will be adopted by July 2025. Council members requested that staff be ready to present the item for vote at the January 7, 2025, Council meeting and be ready to implement the program in March.

DISCUSSION OF THE VIRGINIA COLLEGE ADVISING CORPS

Council listened to a presentation from the Virginia College Advising Corps (VCAC). Mr. Straley introduced three representatives from VCAC, Ms. Ludi Avagyan, Ms. Alex Johnston and Dr. Joy Pugh. Ms. Avagyan shared her experience as a recipient of the guidance from VCAC and her role now helping students like herself apply to college and for financial aid resources. She shared a video which highlighted the work of VCAC advisors in general and Ms. Avagyan in particular.

Ms. Johnston shared a presentation and discussed the program and some of the VCAC accomplishments. VCAC places recent college graduates in high schools throughout the Commonwealth to work alongside counselors and postsecondary planning professionals. These near-peer advisors assist students and their families with the following:

- College and career aspirations.
- Campus visits.

- Parent and family engagement.
- Admissions applications and essays.
- FAFSA and VASA completion.
- Scholarship searches.
- Resume building.
- Making the transition to post-secondary education.

The VCAC model includes near-peer advisors full-time in schools. Each advisor receives in-depth summer and in-service training in best fit and best match college advising that promotes a whole school approach. VCAC conducts rigorous program evaluations and maintains high expectations for outcomes.

Dr. Joy Pugh shared how the partnership between VCAC and GEAR UP (GUV) Virginia has benefited both programs since 2018. VCAC has amplified the early-intervention model of GEAR UP into a long-term postsecondary access partner for high schools. Since 2018, VCAC has expanded into 12 new schools to support GUV students as they entered 11th grade. VCAC has plans to expand into 10 new schools in 2025. Dr. Pugh shared that the program continues to look for opportunities to grow.

Council members praised the work of VCAC. Mr. El Koubi asked who from the state is looking at the full picture of access in Virginia. He suggested he would like to learn more in future Council meetings. Council members asked about the VCAC operating budget and funding. VCAC has an annual operating budget of \$4.3 million and receives public and private funding. Ms. Oldham would like to hear about other states are doing. Council asked what it would cost to fund VCAC to provide advisors to the whole state. To reach all schools systems in the Commonwealth, VCAC would need \$9 million.

Mr. Fleming thanked Ms. Avagyan for her participation and remarked about how inspiring her story is.

RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM AGENCY DIRECTOR

Mr. Fleming highlighted the following items from the Director's report. He highlighted the ongoing work of the advisory committees and specifically the VMSDEP taskforce. He also highlighted the work of the BOV Orientation. The full report is available on page 123 of the October agenda book.

VMSDEP: The VMSDEP (Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program) Taskforce was slated to meet on October 17 (as of the date that staff prepared these materials for Council, no agenda had been published). Separately, on October 3, staff and I met with staff from the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) on a process to deliver funds authorized for the support for public institutions participating in VMSDEP. Due to the omission of appropriating language in the legislation, staff from DPB, SCHEV and the Department of Accounts are working with the Finance Secretary Cummings to approve a Treasury loan to facilitate the distribution of funds to the institutions, consistent with the intent of the 2024 General Assembly.

Taskforce on Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: On September 24, staff convened a second meeting of the taskforce created by SCHEV in response to

Executive Order 30 to assist implementation of Gov. Youngkin's "Guidelines for AI Integration throughout Education." Attendees discussed the most impactful roles for SCHEV, for VITA (Virginia Information Technology Agency) and for public colleges and universities in fulfilling the guidance.

BOV Orientation Planning Group: I convened on September 24 and October 17 the second and third/final meetings of the group planning this year's orientation session for recent and ongoing members of the governing boards of public institutions, slated for November 12-13 at the Founder's Inn in Virginia Beach. We confirmed the agenda, collected names of potential speakers and panelists and confirmed those participants in a program that will address both the basics/fundamentals of service on a public-institution governing board, as well as major issues facing Virginia public post-secondary education.

IPAC Meeting: On September 20, Dr. DeFilippo convened public institutions' chief academic officers as the Instructional Programs Advisory Committee. Attendees discussed multiple matters related to degree programs – reform of the process for new-program approval; potential 90-credit baccalaureate degrees; and programs eligible for the Tech Talent Investment Program (TTIP). Staff provided updates on V-TOP, learning assessment, civic engagement, advance credit and transfer.

FAC Meeting: On October 16, Mr. Andes was slated to convene public institutions' chief finance officers as the Finance Advisory Committee. The agenda was expected to include review of Council's potential recommendations on systemwide budgetary and policy matters, as well as the fact packs, the Pell initiative and VMSDEP.

SAC Meeting: On September 20, staff convened the first meeting of the 2024-25 Student Advisory Committee. The agenda included remarks from Sec. Guidera and myself; attendees' sharing of major issues on their campuses; nominations of co-chairs; discussion of future meetings/communications and a tour of the Capitol.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEES

Report from Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Oldham reported that the committee learned about a new Bachelor of Science degree program in Human Health and Physiology proposed at William and Mary.

Ms. Oldham presented the resolution for approval to the Council.

Be it resolved that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia grants approval to The College of William and Mary in Virginia to initiate a Bachelor of Science degree program in Human Health and Physiology (CIP code: 26.0909), effective fall 2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Taylor, the resolution was approved unanimously as presented.

Ms. Oldham next reported that the committee heard from Dr. DeFilippo about proposed reductions to private and out-of-state regulations in response to the Governor's

Executive Order 19 (EO19) which established the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM). The Governor charged the ORM with implementing a 25% reduction in regulatory requirements by Virginia state agencies. Staff proposed 150 regulatory requirements for elimination which will results in a 34.6% reduction, if approved. Ms. Oldham presented the following resolutions for Council approval:

Be it resolved that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves proposed regulatory reductions to the Virginia Administrative Code Chapter 31 in accordance with Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 19 and guidance provided by the Office of Regulatory Management; and

Be it further resolved that the Council delegates to the SCHEV Director, or his assignee, authority to make any modifications that may be necessary to put the regulatory changes into final form and to post them publicly to the Regulatory Town Hall.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Straley, the resolution was approved unanimously as presented.

Ms. Oldham concluded by sharing that Dr. DeFilippo shared an update on the activities of the Academic Affairs staff.

Report from Resources and Planning Committee

Ms. O'Holleran reported the committee received a presentation from Dr. Zheng about the Full Cost Report.

Dr. Zheng reported that in 2024-2025, seven institutions did not meet the full cost requirements, including Norfolk State University, Radford University, University of Mary Washington, University of Virginia at Wise, Virginia State University, Richard Bland College and the Virginia Community College System. Staff notified these institutions and asked for (1) an explanation of the shortfall; (2) how the institution plans to prevent their numbers from further declining; and (3) what the timeframe and strategies for the institution are to get back to 100%. Staff will present the Full Cost Report to the Op-Six group.

Ms. O'Holleran next reported on the updates on the six-year plan themes as presented to the committee by Dr. Khattar. Final copies of each institution's six-year plans will be published on the SCHEV website by December 1.

Ms. O'Holleran stated that the final item the committee received was an update on the Pell Initiative for Virginia 2024 report from Dr. Simmons.

Dr. Simmons explained that SCHEV establishes the criteria for the Pell grants, evaluates proposals, determines award size and establishes performance outcomes. The state budget provides \$37.5 million for FY 2025 and \$37.5 million for FY 2026. The grants are competitive and the next call for proposals will be released on October 29. Awards for FY 2026 are scheduled to be announced by April 7, 2025. Dr. Simmons identified some of the first-year challenges for the program including the October 1

deadline, which fails to consider the student higher education timeline and the problematic roll out of FAFSA.

RECEIPT OF ITEMS DELEGATED TO STAFF

Included at the end of this document.

Mr. Curt suggested that the Council discuss providing guidance to private colleges that are closing. Many institutions help their students find pathways to finish their studies. He is concerned that others are not prepared to handle closing responsibly. Mr. Curt suggested that Mr. Fleming visit with the private college presidents one-on-one.

Mr. Fleming shared that SCHEV already has processes in place to assist when a private college closes.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curt expressed some concerns over the enrollment projections SCHEV is using for the next five years. He requested that SCHEV use a baseline of students who are in high school right now and only look at Virginia high schools. Mr. Fleming suggested that the six-year planning processes is the most appropriate place for this discussion. Mr. Curt would like SCHEV staff to approach the Weldon Cooper center for this data.

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

John Jumper
Council Chair

Kristin Whelan
SCHEV Staff

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 approved/not approved as delegated to staff:

Academic Program Actions

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
Brightpoint Community College	Program Name Changes Approved: Change the name of the following degree programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Information Technology to Information Systems Technology (11.0101) • Associate of Science (AS) in Information Systems to Information Technology (11.0103) 	Fall 2024
Central Virginia Community College	Program Name Changes Approved: Change the name of the following degree programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Computer and Electronic Technology – Computer Networking to Networking and Electronic Technology (15.0303) • Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Therapy Technology to Respiratory Therapy (51.0908) 	Fall 2024
George Mason University	Graduate Certificate Program Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Compliance (52.1101) 	Spring 2025
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	CIP Code Change Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the CIP code of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree program in Economics From (45.0601) to (45.0603) 	Spring 2025
Virginia Highlands Community College	Program Name Change Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program in Administrative Support Technology to Office Management (52.0499) 	Fall 2024
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Program Modifications Approved: Modify the credit hours of the following degree programs:	Fall 2025

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Engineering (14.0901) with 131 credit hours to 120 credit hours • Bachelor of Science (BS) in Electrical Engineering (14.1001) with 132 credit hours to 120 credit hours 	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	CIP Code Change Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the CIP code of the Master of Science (MS) degree program in Geography from 45.0701 to 30.4401 	Spring 2025

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

Programs Discontinued

Institution	Degree/Program/CIP	Effective Date
George Mason University	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program Discontinuances Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interdisciplinary Studies (30.9999) • Teaching Certificate (13.0301) 	Spring 2025

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 approved as delegated to staff:

Internal and Off-Campus Organizational Changes

Institution	Change/Site	Effective Date
Christopher Newport University	<p>Rename the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering to the School of Engineering and Computing. The Department has been renamed to "provide inclusivity of the academic programs currently in the department" and "move away from explicitly listing each degree program offered by the department in the name of the department."</p> <p>The School will administer five degree programs: M.S. in Applied Physics and Computer Science; B.S. in Computer Engineering; B.S. in Computer Foundations; B.S. in Electrical</p>	October 4, 2024

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	<p>Engineering; and B.S. in Information Science.</p> <p>CNU will not request “new resources from the state to initiate or sustain the organizational change.</p>	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Close the off-campus instructional site located at the Northern Virginia Center , 7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church, VA 22043	December 31, 2024