

CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

August 1-2, 2006

James Monroe Building
Godwin-Hamel Board Room, 15th Floor
Richmond, Virginia

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	VWCC	Dr. Robert H. Sandel
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SYSTEM OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Glenn DuBois	Dr. Monty Sullivan
Ms. Marlene Mondziel	Ms. Karen Petersen
Mr. John Brilliant	Ms. Jennifer Allman
Ms. Ellen Davenport	Ms. Nan Ottenritter
Ms. Pat Holmes	Ms. Gretchen Schmidt
Dr. Jennifer Sager	Ms. Susan Hayden
Ms. Marian Hassell	Mr. Bill Hightower
Mr. Tom Cantone	Ms. Sue Ann Curran
Dr. David Gill	Dr. Neil Matkin
Dr. Christopher Lee	Ms. Marian Hassell

OTHER:

Ms. Kelly Porrell, Executive Director of Virginia21

Wednesday, August 2, 2006
8:30 a.m.

A. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

1. LEAD Virginia

The Chancellor stated that Lead Virginia is now accepting applications for the Class of 2007. The program provides a learning environment in which participants gain knowledge and build relationships with people from across the state to broaden their perspective on statewide issues. The Chancellor also noted that two scholarships are available. These scholarships are appropriate for presidents, vice chancellors, vice presidents and other senior community college leaders. More information can be found at www.leadva.org. Deadline to apply is by the end of December 06. For those who may be interested, the Chancellor suggested speaking with some of our own who have completed the program or are currently participating, such as Jennifer Sager, Darrel Staat and Gary Rhodes.

2. SAS 112 – Mr. John Brilliant, Director, Internal Audit

Mr. John Brilliant, Director, Internal Audit, provided information regarding the recently issued Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS 112). Mr. Brilliant stated that during Mr. Walter J. Kucharski's, the Commonwealth's State Auditor, presentation to the Audit Committee of the State Board for Community Colleges, he stated that the Auditor of Public Accounts would observe the guidance established by SAS 112 starting with audits for fiscal year 2007. Because of this new standard, it is possible that material audit adjustments will now appear as reportable material weaknesses in internal controls, thereby causing the VCCS to be in non-compliance with the Commonwealth's Management Standards. Such non-compliance could cause colleges to lose the ability to carry forward funds and to lose any delegated authorities obtained under the Restructured Higher Education Act.

3. Chancellor's Annual Planning Retreat, August 10-11, 2006 in Williamsburg

The Chancellor's Annual Planning Retreat to be held August 10-11, 2006, will be an exciting program for senior college staff. The Chancellor noted that next year the Retreat will be combined with the August ACOP meeting.

4. The Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship Program – Noon, September 20, 2006, The Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, VA – Dr. Jennifer Sager, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement

Dr. Jennifer Sager, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, stated that the Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship Program will be held on September 20 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education would present 40 scholarships and Governor Kaine is scheduled to speak. The presidents were urged to attend the Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship luncheon to honor and recognize the 40 participants.

5. State Board Annual Meeting – November 14-15, 2006, at The Boar’s Head Inn, Charlottesville, VA. Keynote speaker, Dr. Claire Gaudiani, author of *The Greater Good, How Philanthropy Drives the American Economy and Can Save Capitalism*

This year the annual meeting will be held at the Boars’ Head Inn on November 14 and 15 in Charlottesville, VA. The Chancellor stated that stakeholders from the local college boards, the college foundation boards and the presidents, as well as Institutional Advancement folks, will convene for a learning and networking opportunity. A nationally renowned author will be the keynote speaker. The meeting would be a meaningful experience and promote cohesion among local college boards, presidents, and the State Board. The meeting will also be professional development experience for the institutional advancement people. The annual meeting is being sponsored by a grant made available by the Virginia Foundation for Humanities.

6. General Education Certificate – Dr. Monty Sullivan, Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research

Dr. Monty Sullivan, Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research, provided an update on the general education certificate. Dr. Sullivan stated that this was a significant certificate program that would be used as a retention tool and to better account for success. The program approval was requested by SSVCC and designed to acknowledge completion of a 32-credit core of general education courses. The program would be the first in the System to award a certificate based on completion of a core of general education courses that are aligned with the new VCCS general education goals. It is believed that if approved, that other colleges in the VCCS would design similar programs that the Chancellor would approve. The certificate would be both a recognition tool to students and a retention tool that would remind the students of the excellent transfer associate degree programs available and the many articulation agreements available to degree completers. The General Education Certificate was approved by the State Board at its July 20, 2006 meeting.

7. Early Retirement Plan – Update – Dr. Christopher Lee

The attached early retirement incentive program guidelines and contract have been developed to administer the previously approved policy. The draft guidelines and contract are being reviewed by HR officers and other campus representatives to ensure that the program can be administered as designed. Upon review by each campus, a final contract and guidelines will be released for use with faculty members retiring in the Spring of 2007.

8. ODU Teletechnet – Update – Ms. Karen Petersen, Executive Vice Chancellor

Ms. Karen Petersen, Executive Vice chancellor, provided an update regarding ODU Teletechnet.

9. Institutional Research Project Update – Dr. James Perkins, President, Blue Ridge Community College and Chair, Institutional Research Steering Committee

Dr. James Perkins, President, Blue Ridge Community College and Chair, Institutional Research Steering Committee, provided an update on the Institutional Research Project. This project will involve redirection of a federal earmark, from which the minimum hardware and software will be purchased. A recommendation was made to purchase the SAS software. Staff time will be redirected to the Institutional Research project to ensure successful implementation. After the initial implementation of two datamarts, the VCCS as a whole will need to assume the cost of software maintenance and personnel after two years.

This recommendation was adopted by the Advisory Council of Presidents.

10. Virginia21 – Kelly Porell, Executive Director, Virginia21

Kelly Porell spoke about the goals and mission of Virginia21. As stated on its website, Virginia21 involves young people across the Commonwealth in the political process by providing information, directing advocacy and coordinating political action on a non-partisan issue agenda. Virginia21 is the Commonwealth's and the country's first true generational advocate for young people.

B. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Dr. Darryl Staat, Chair

Action Items

1. Election of Committee Chair

Dr. Darryl Staat was selected as Chair of the Information Technology Committee for 2006-2007.

Information Items

None

C. HUMAN RESOURCES – Dr. Deborah DiCroce, Chair

Action Item

1. Election of Committee Chair

Dr. Deborah DiCroce was selected as Chair of the Human Resources Committee for 2006-2007.

Information Items

None

D. PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Dr. John J. Sygielski, Chair

1. Election of Committee Chair

Dr. John Sygielski was selected as Chair of the Public and Governmental Relations Committee for 2006-2007.

The following information items were discussed.

2. Report on Mission and Membership of Virginia21, Strategies for Transfer Scholarship legislation in 2007 – *Kelly Porell, Executive Director, Virginia21*

3. A Draft of the 2006-2007 Governmental Relations Plan was discussed and included the following:

- Timetable
- Strategies for VCCS college presidents
- Preliminary schedule for “Every Day is Community College Day”
- Legislative reception 2007

4. Preliminary plans for 40th anniversary celebration

5. An Update was given on Reingold Communications and the website development for the VCCS.

E. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, Chair

Action Item

1. Election of Committee Chair

Dr. Elizabeth Crowther was selected as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for 2006-2007.

Information Items

None

F. ACADEMIC, STUDENT AFFAIRS, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Dr. Cheryl Thompson-Stacy, Chair

Action Item

1. Election of Committee Chair

Dr. Cheryl Thompson-Stacy, President of Eastern Shore Community College, is the new chair of the Academic, Student Affairs, and Workforce Development Committee.

Discussion Item

1. Role of Intercollegiate Athletics

At the request of the Chancellor, a VCCS Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics was formed during 2004 to review the status of club sports, requirements for entry into NJCAA, etc. In a report to the Chancellor dated May 2004, the Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics recommended that the VCCS form a structured, system-wide club sport league and run it successfully for several years before revisiting the issue of forming NJCAA affiliated intercollegiate sports teams. The task force also suggested that leagues be formed in men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, and women's softball, with college participation on a voluntary basis. Further, it was recommended that a nine-member Board of Directors be established to develop the leagues and oversee their operation.

Since the original task force recommendations were reviewed and approved by ACOP, leagues have been formed in all three of the sports. In addition, the Board of Directors (with representatives from the three proposed regions—Western, Central, and Eastern) has established guidelines for the various sports, including GPA requirements, number of semesters of eligibility, etc. ACOP also approved the expansion of the nine-member Board of Directors to twelve members in Spring 2006, and determined that the system-wide club sport league should run for at least three years before seeking NJCAA status, a clarification of the original recommendation of “several years.”

The current status and future direction of the organized system-wide club sports in the VCCS were discussed.

Information Items

1. Update on Guaranteed Admissions Agreement Implementation Meeting

It was reported that as the VCCS moves forward to develop additional Guaranteed Admissions Agreements (GAAs) with the remaining 4-year institutions in the Commonwealth, the Academic Services and Research staff acknowledges that the success of these agreements depends on the implementation and use of these agreements by VCCS students. The staff has developed some strategies for the implementation of the existing Guaranteed Admissions Agreements, with the focus on communication and information. The staff would like to assist the colleges in the development of implementation plans for the GAAs and work to set timelines for the implementation process.

Dr. Sullivan contacted the Vice Presidents and requested 2 representatives from each college. The first individual will have responsibility for the campus based implementation and communication of information to the students, faculty, academic advisors, and others. The second individual should have the responsibility for contact with the 4-year institutions if they have questions about the GAAs that relate to the individual college.

The VCCS will host a meeting of the college representatives on July 27th.

2. Educational Programs Approval Process Revisions Update

It was reported that currently, campus-approved proposals receive VCCS staff review and SBCC approval before receiving review by SCHEV staff and then Council. The time involved in these multiple steps, coupled with differences in the SBCC and Council meeting schedules, can negatively impact college's ability to respond promptly to local employers' needs; such responsiveness is central to the VCCS mission and an expectation of the Higher Education Restructuring Act. Approval of this proposal by State Council will shorten the time it takes VCCS colleges to gain approval for applied associate degrees, thereby enabling them to be more responsive to business and industry.

At the July 11, 2006, State Council meeting, SCHEV staff introduced a request that Council expand the types of program proposals that are eligible for approval at the staff level. In particular, staff proposed that it be delegated the authority to approved VCCS degree program proposals that seek to create applied degree programs (AAA or AAS) and that will not require additional state resources.

The following resolution was brought before State Council:

Be it resolved that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia hereby delegates to its staff the authority to approve proposals from the Virginia Community College System for Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.) and Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs, when such programs will require no additional state resources or have already been allocated additional state resources.

Though no quorum was present at the July 11 State Council meeting, the agenda item requesting action on the program approval process was introduced and discussed with members of State Council's Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Monty Sullivan, Vice Chancellor for Academic Services & Research provided background information on the various stages of the VCCS program approval process to Council members, including the step of approval by the State Board for Community Colleges. In response to an inquiry from SCHEV staff as to how much time would be saved if Council adopted the proposed action, Dr. Sullivan informed the Academic Affairs Committee that the change could reduce program implementation time significantly. A straw poll of the Academic Affairs Committee indicating support for amending Council's policy on program approval as proposed—the members voted unanimously to carry the item forward for an official vote at the next Council meeting on September 12, 2006.

**12 Noon
Adjournment**