

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA  
JOINT SCHEV COUNCIL/COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS (COP) MEETING  
September 19, 2022  
DRAFT MINUTES**

Mr. Ampy called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Newcombe Hall Ballroom of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

Council members present: Ken Ampy, Mirza Baig, Walter Curt, Victoria Harker, William Harvey, Thaddeus Holloman, Jennie O'Holleran, Cheryl Oldham, Alvin J. Schexnider, Smith and Katharine Webb.

Council members absent: John Broderick and Jason El Koubi.

Staff members present: Tom Allison, Lee Andes, Peter Blake, Grace Covello, Joseph DeFilippo, Alan Edwards, Sandra Freeman, Jodi Fisler, Wendy Kang, Tod Massa, Erin McGrath, Laura Osberger, Beverly Rebar and Emily Salmon. Virginia Management Fellow Celeste Chalkley also attended.

Ramona Taylor from the Office of the Attorney General also attended.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

On behalf of the Council, chair Ken Ampy greeted the chief executives of the public colleges and universities and stressed the importance of their institutions in meeting the goals and needs of the Commonwealth. On behalf of the Council of Presidents, Tim Sands, president of Virginia Tech, thanked the Council and its staff for their efforts and listed a variety of economic, social and governmental issues on which he and his fellow chief executives are focused in 2022-23. At the request of Mr. Ampy, Council members and presidents/chancellors introduced themselves.

**PROMOTING DEMOCRACY, CIVILITY AND FREE EXPRESSION: FOLLOW-UP FROM THE 2022 DAY OF DIALOGUE ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

At the invitation of Mr. Ampy, Jodi Fisler discussed the day of dialogue on civic engagement held in June at James Madison University and attended in-person by over 100 personnel from Virginia institutions and remotely by many more. Dr. Fisler outlined definitions, challenges/barriers and future opportunities. President Sands noted a related event slated for October. Dr. Fisler responded to questions from attendees.

**UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION SECRETARIAT**

Mr. Ampy introduced the Honorable Aimee Guidera, Secretary of Education, who thanked the institutional executives for their meetings with the Youngkin administration and their efforts, given budgetary realities, to avoid or offset increases in tuition. She advised of a planned "listening tour" of institutions with Finance Secretary Stephen Cummings and of a future event on freedom of speech and inquiry in both secondary and postsecondary education. Secretary Guidera encouraged feedback and questions from attendees and responded to comments and queries from COP members and Council members.

## **STUDENT ISSUES AND SUPPORT SERVICES: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2022 REVIEW**

Director Blake introduced Emily Salmon, who summarized the Council-requested staff review of student issues and support services and provided preliminary findings and potential state- and institution-level recommendations. Ms. Salmon reported that four core student issues had been identified and that the recommendations addressed the four issues individually as well as collectively. The feedback she received from attendees included clarification of campus personnel titles/roles. Secretary Guidera advised of intentions for a summit on mental health before year-end.

## **BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Mr. Blake introduced Wendy Kang, who summarized staff's "pre-recommendations" on budgetary matters for attendees' consideration in advance of Council's action in October on formal recommendations for the 2023 legislative session. Ms. Kang detailed the consultative process that yielded the ideas behind the possible recommendations. President Sands noted institutions' recognition of the impact of inflation on families as a driver of their tuition waivers, but cautioned that such efforts would be more difficult next year. Mr. Blake advised that, during his testimony to the legislative "money committees" on the recent tuition-and-fees report, legislators from both political parties asked about the practice of institutions using tuition revenues to fund scholarships/financial aid.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

Mr. Ampy opened the floor for discussion of topics of interest to Council members and COP members. Attendees discussed topics related to enrollment, especially Fall 2022, and the statewide work-based-learning initiative. President Sands suggested the need for a provost-level workgroup focused on institutions' roles in and data governance for student internships and related work-based learning activities.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The chair thanked COP members again for their attendance and adjourned the joint meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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Katharine Webb  
Council Secretary

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Laura Osberger  
Director of Council and Board Affairs