



## Student Advisory Committee 2022-23 Year in Review

The Code of Virginia [§ 23.1-201](#) establishes that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) shall appoint a Student Advisory Committee to meet at least twice yearly and advise SCHEV on relevant issues. During the 2022-23 academic year, thirty-six students representing all of Virginia's four-year public institutions, two community colleges, Richard Bland College, and two private four-year institutions participated in the Student Advisory Committee (SAC).

The SAC met five times both virtually and in-person. SCHEV staff fielded a survey to the SAC in August, producing thirty-four responses. Students were asked to rate their interest in issues they would like to work on during the year, with 1 being "not interested" and 5 being "very interested." The top two issues to emerge were Mental Health and Wellness and Diversity Equity and Inclusion. Other highly rated topics included college affordability and the 2023 General Assembly session. At the inaugural meeting, SAC elected co-chairs and formed subcommittees to work on the top two areas of interest.

One of the highlights of the year was at the December 2 SAC meeting, where Deputy Secretary of Education Sarah Spota gave remarks on her journey through higher education and the Governor's office. Deputy Secretary Spota answered questions and engaged in dialogue with the students for close to an hour.

SAC representatives also provided feedback on the design and content of student-facing materials, including SCHEV's upcoming Level Up campaign and the ECMC Opportunities Guide. SAC members also beta tested student modules of SCHEV's innovative internship program (V-TOP) and provided valuable feedback on content and design.

Numerous SAC members participated in Governor Youngkin's mental health summit, held at the College of William & Mary on March 29, 2023. Four SAC representatives participated in a student roundtable at SCHEV's March 14 Council meeting at Radford University. Lastly, SAC co-chairs participated in the April 24 GPAC meeting, where they shared their perspective on the year and engaged with the college and university presidents.

We thank the student representatives for their time and dedication during the 2022-23 year. In June Director Peter Blake will ask for nominations for the 2023-24 school year. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 22.

## 2022-23 Student Advisory Committee



Student Advisory Committee  
October 21, 2022

*First in-person meeting of 2022-23 Student Advisory Committee*



*C'erra Rhodes (Radford), Vick Chrepta (Ricard Bland), SCHEV Chair Kemp Ampy, and Owen Williams (William & Mary)*



*Student Advisory Committee members participating in March SCHEV Council meeting*

## **2022-23 Student Advisory Committee**

**Co-Chairs:** Celine Apenteng (GMU), Jaylin Drewry (NSU), Owen Williams (W&M)

**Brightpoint Community College:** Saamiya Mohammed

**Christopher Newport University:** Elizabeth (Bailey) Guare, Celine Rosario

**George Mason University:** Celine Apenteng, Sophia Nguyen

**James Madison University:** Grace Smith, Jay Norton

**Longwood University:** Katya Mayer, Cierra White

**Norfolk State University:** Jaylin Drewry, Sierra Sanders

**Old Dominion University:** Imani Bradford, Melanie Graham

**Radford University:** Brianna Bray, C'erra Rhodes

**Randolph College:** Hannah Cloven

**Richard Bland College:** Vick Chrepta

**Southside Virginia Community College:** Dulce Ruby Trejo

**University of Mary Washington:** Armon Barnes

**University of Virginia:** Kyle Woodson, Camille Kielbasa

**University of Virginia's College at Wise:** Kallie Berry, Chloe Allen

**Virginia Commonwealth University:** Victoria Peters, Samir Nadir

**Virginia Military Institute:** Binh Q. Tran

**Virginia Peninsula Community College:** Vernon Mason

**Virginia State University:** Kailyn Haye

**Virginia Tech:** Ainsley Cragin, Caroline Lohr

**Virginia Wesleyan University:** Brooke Underwood

**William & Mary:** Mary Fishburn, Owen Williams