



*Virginia's Voice for Access*

## Virginia College Access Network Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Scott Kemp(Vice-President); Lyons Sanchezconcha (Secretary); Jan Smith; Tierney Jackson; TeCarla Moore; Ashley Woodous Dale; Anne Michie; Erin McGrath; Sarah Bazemore; Libby Dutton; Sarah Bazemore; Alex Johnston

**Absent:** Reshaud Rich, Laura Clark, Brittany Everett

**Guest:** Lee Andes

- Welcome: Scott
  - Call meeting to order at 2:03
  - Best snow day story opener
- Election of Executive Committee - Anne
  - President
    - Nominee: Scott Kemp
      - Lyons makes the motion, Libby seconds: Passes unanimously
  - Treasurer
    - Nominee: Jan Smith
      - Lyons makes the motion, Libby seconds: Passes unanimously

*Brittany Everett joins the call (2:11)*

- Vice President
  - Nominee: Lyons Sanchezconcha
    - Libby makes the motion, Anne seconds: Passes unanimously
- Secretary
  - Nominee: Alex Johnston
    - Lyons makes the motion, Anne seconds: Passes unanimously
- Board Responsibilities Document - Scott
  - Sent via Adobe sign 01/10
  - No amendments
- Board Membership - Scott & Lyons
  - Length of Service Spreadsheet shared 01/10
  - Considering Dr. Ingrid Bircann-Barkley

- Conference Updates - Jan
  - Overall conference surveys were great. We received 49 responses.
    - Comments included great theme, music, speakers, well planned.
    - 45 of 49 are agreeable to an in-person conference for 2022.
  - General and breakout sessions were rated great. We received 135 responses.
    - Comments included
      - Presenters had great energy!
      - Having student panelists sharing their experiences was so insightful and helpful.
      - Great resources provided.
      - Well organized and gave concrete examples.
      - Excellent job distilling some of the key barriers families face.
    - Conference 2022 Update:
      - Hotel Madison contract - waiting to be signed
      - Dates: November 30-December 2
      - Conference chair & committee: waiting on confirmation from chair/co-chair
- SCHEV-Access Updates - Erin
  - FAFSA Block Party in Richmond (where 5 of 11 VA TI schools are)
    - GEAR UP is covering costs
    - Support event happening 2/19 10am-1pm
  - 2 VirginiaCAN Asks
    - Landing Site for event
      - Can work with Colin & Lyons
    - Tax ID form
      - Will check with Paula Craw
  - 1-on-1 FAFSA completion project (virtual)
    - Lessons learned from last year
    - Will continue (on our site again)
      - Anne will help provide access staff

*Lee Andes and Reshaud Rich join the call (2:50)*

- VASA Updates - Lee Andes
  - A recap of what it is and the urgent need to promote it
    - Please help spread the word!
  - Tierney is hosting a pilot webinar on VASA
    - Next Thursday
  - Website is live [www.vasaapp.org](http://www.vasaapp.org)
    - Working out some issues currently
    - Path from domicile to financial aid
    - Tuition equity provision to qualify as VA student

- Other Issues - Board
  - Brittany in her new role in regards to VirginiaCAN
  - Superintendent Memos: VASA, DE, Transfer VA
  - Academic and Career Portfolios
  - Welcome and congratulations to new members
  - Anne to check about using building
  - Erin to share FAFSA Block Party information
  
- Next Board Meeting
  - March 11th: In-Person, 10am-2pm
    - Looking at GRASP building
      - Will confirm via email
  - Meeting Adjourned 3:13pm
    - Anne makes the motion, Sarah seconds
      - Passes unanimously

*The mission of the Virginia College Access Network is to support and enhance post-secondary education access and attainment for residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia. To accomplish this mission, VCAN will support access programs and foster new initiatives; develop information and financial resources for students and families; and promote the benefits of greater access to postsecondary education.*