



Virginia College Access Network Board September Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 16th
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hosted virtually via Zoom

Present: Joy Pugh (President); Scott Kemp (Vice President); Paula Crow (Treasurer); Lyons Sanchezconcha (Secretary); Mary Morris; Paula Robinson; Tierney Jackson; Anne Michie; Ashley Woodous; TeCarla Moore; and Erin McGrath.

Absent: Reshaud Rich; Laura Clark

Guests: Fran Bradford (Virginia's Deputy Secretary of Education)

- **Joy Pugh calls meeting to order at 2:03pm**
 - Give the floor to our special quest

- **Deputy Secretary of Education, Fran Bradford**
 - Thank you! This work is equally if not, more important, than before.
 - Praise for the conference.
 - Report out
 - Guidance with workforce programs (w/Lee Andes)
 - Increase qualifiers to grow access
 - Re-allot 2nd year of need-based financial aid
 - Using SCHEV model for distribution
 - Raise tuition assistance grant as was last year before it was re-allotted
 - The G3 program (Get skilled, get a job, and give back)
 - A lot like what passed last year.
 - High workforce need programs
 - Depending on income, it could not only be funded, but there might be funding for child-care, transportation, etc.
 - This year, beyond state budget, it's codified into legislation as well
 - Not officially rolled out legislative package
 - State need-based financial aid for undocumented students
 - Even if it passes, we doubt that it will be ready by Fall 2021
 - Students would be eligible for VTAG program (easier to do)
 - This might be an initial approval before everything else
 - FAFSA completion rate increase
 - Luisiana requires it unless you opt out, Tennessee dramatically improved, support & wrap-around services crucial
 - Regardless of legislation, how do we develop those support services

- Not likely to roll out for Fall 2021, VCAN's role in infrastructure
- Questions?
 - Joy: Data showing about community college enrollment
 - Fran: REV program, federal funds for unemployed community
 - % of folks most interested in a credit program vs non-credit
 - Lyons: G3 availability for undocumented students
 - Differentiation of undocumented vs DACA students
 - Challenges of documentation and language is broad
 - TeCarla: Timeline of state-aid roll out? Soonest would be Fall 2022
 - Mary: VA529 happy to help, blessed to be in Virginia of all places
- **Approval of September Minutes**
 - Moved by Anne, and seconded by Erin
 - Passed unanimously
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Financially successful conference
 - 20K in sponsorship (ECMC & VA529)
 - \$5,900 dollars
 - \$73,131.27
 - Highest balanced in recent history, usually around \$50K
- **Governance Committee**
 - Officer Elections
 - Please nominate yourself if you are currently in a position
 - You can nominate yourself or someone else for any position
 - Preference for all electronically (nomination and election)
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - New Members
 - Sarah Bazemore - School Counseling Specialist
 - Highly praised by Scott, Erin, Paula Robinson, and Tierney
 - Benefits of having someone from VDOE in the group
 - Motion to approve Lyons, seconded by Scott
 - unanimous
- **2021 Board Meeting Schedule**
 - Six times a year works
 - Friday 2-4pm
 - Post Conference preferred
- **Conference Debrief and Suggestions**
 - Jan Smith from ECMC as Conference Committee Chair
 - TeCarla: Virtual format with Revolutionary Prep worked very well!
 - Paula C.: Tutoring service turned to conference platform
 - Tierney: Networking breaks to actually include a break
 - Anne: New GRASP CEO really enjoyed the conference (good perspective)
 - Tierney: Listserv, all registrants added to listserv
 - Joy: LinkedIn group to follow
 - Tierney: perhaps an email out with specific LinkedIn details
 - Ashley: Overwhelming advisors attending conference throughout

- Paula R.: It was very simple to work in presenter mode
 - *3:02: Joy jumps off the call, power outage*
 - Virtual option for 2021
 - Tierney: More hybrid options for next year
 - Erin: Training presenters to do it well. Struggles of hybrid.
 - Lyons: budgeting will determine what the 2021 conference looks like!
 - Board Responsibility / Commitment Document
- **Outgoing board members**
 - Paula Robinson
 - Lucky to have Paula stay on as Erin transitions in
 - Thank you for everything you do for SCHEV and for the world of equity and access
 - Mary Morris
 - Can return after a year to VCAN should they want
 - Thank you for all you do and bring to the board and for the world of access
 - Board Praise
 - Tierney: Thank you for your swift response and unwavering support
 - Ashley: Thank you for all you do for the world of access
 - Anne: Betsey sends her regards; thank you for all you do
 - Scott: All work with SOAR and in SCHEV
 - Erin: CECEP, great memories with Paula and Mary
 - TeCarla: Looking forward to continued work together with access and equity
 - Joy: Paula as first college adviser person,
 - Paula Robinson
 - Appreciate all the thoughts and well-wishes. Get in good trouble, do the work!
 - We will still be working together, thank you for the privilege of serving in this role
 - Mary Morris
 - Grateful for the work of access and discuss the concept all around the country
 - I will still be around and we'll continue to support conference and do even more
 - Eager to engage in a lot more opportunities and especially regarding legislation
- **Adjourn @ 3:30pm**
 - Motioned by Anne, Seconded by Mary
 - Unanimously passed

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.