



## Virginia College Access Network Board March Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Hosted Virtually via Zoom*

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

**Absent:** None

- **Joy Pugh calls meeting to order at 11:03am**
  
- **Welcome**
  - New members:
    - TeCarla Moore of Old Dominion University
    - Laura Clark of Virginia Community College System
  - President's modifications to agenda
  
- **Board Member Check-In [RE: COVID--19 Response]**
  - Paula Crow (ECMC)
    - ECMC fully operational using a working from home model to continue support
  - Anne Michie (GRASP)
    - Efforts centralized (as most advisors are PT) - looking at effects on scholarships
  - Lyons Sanchezconcha (RPS)
    - State: 19-20 year ends & classes advance; District: GPA/grades; Schools: Buildings/Staff
  - Mary Morris (Virginia529)
    - Remote since 3/13, working with customers, waiving late fees, and monitoring changes
  - TeCarla Moore (ODU)
    - ODU Online, admissions continues virtually, still accepting applications/sending decisions
  - Ashley Woodous (Access College)
    - Shift to virtual advising, acknowledging internet access concerns, canceled CCD event
  - Laura Clark (VCCS)
    - All college operational, online education through summer, student needs prioritized
  - Scott Kemp (SCHEV-Loans)
    - Monitoring federal changes, checking with lenders, prioritizing borrower's needs always
  - Reshaud Rich (SCHEV-Access)
    - Coordinating with school counselors, looking at ways to continue Decision Day celebration
  - Tierney Jackson (SCHEV-FinAid)
    - State financial aid packages continuing, hosting office hours, navigating practical issues
  - Paula Robinson (SCHEV-Diversity)
    - SCHEV COVID response page is up, new equity engagement role, meet w/colleges

- Joy Pugh (VCAC)
  - Advisers working with the National Office for virtual advising, navigating internet access.
- **Treasurer's report – Paula Crow**
  - \$63,298.24 in account
    - No new expenses at this time
- **Committee Update**
  - Conferences - Paula Crow
    - Brenda and Paula chairing the committee of several access providers
    - Call for session proposals has gone out
      - 4/24 deadline
      - Possibility of extending the deadline
    - Halting conference & hotel registration for the time being
    - Theme: Sweet 16: Drive!
    - Putting pieces on hold until clearing uncertainties around COVID-19
      - Looking at our insurance policy
      - Hoping if at all possibly to not have to cancel
    - Table 2021 Conference conversation
- **VCAN as a Resource for COVID-19**
  - Share: resources, guidance, updates, etc.
  - Looking at other organizations with good updates
    - NACAC [site](#)
    - NCAN [site](#)
    - SCHEV [site](#)
  - Establish a part of VCAN website to consolidate resources - Lyons
- **Committee Updates**
  - Governance - Anne Michie
    - Guidelines for sharing on VCAN listserv
      - Updates
      - Job postings
      - Conference content
    - Tierney has been the coordinating
    - Tierney, Colin, and Lyons to meet to resolve and report back
- **Parting Thoughts**
  - Table pending agenda items next meeting
  - Virtual voting via email
  - Meet for an hour via Zoom before our June Meeting
  - Doodle poll coming for next dates
- **President adjourns meeting at 12:58pm**

*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.*