



NATIONAL COUNCIL *of*  
STATE DIRECTORS *of* COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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One Dupont Circle  
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Washington, DC 20036

**Summer Business Meeting**  
**August 5-8, 2007, Williamsburg, VA**

**August 6**

**Business Meeting**

The Business meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Glen DuBois welcomed the State Directors to the Old Dominion, and thanked all who made the meeting possible, including Tidewater Community College for their transportation services.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Jim Hermes gave the Treasurer's report, as Arlene Parisot, Treasurer/Secretary, was unable to attend the meeting. Membership dues will remain the same in FY2008 as they were in FY 2007, and will cover meeting expenses. Dues notices will be sent before the end of the calendar year. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Minutes of the Spring meeting, held April 2007 in Tampa, FL, were approved.

Past Chair, Marc Herzog was presented with a plaque for appreciation of his services. He expressed appreciation to the Executive Board and to AACC, George Boggs, and Jim Hermes for their assistance.

Officers for FY 2008:

Chair - Jan Friedel, IA

Chair Elect - Jim Rose, WY

Vice Chair for Legislation - Geoffrey Obrzut, IL

Secretary/Treasurer – Arlene Parisot, MT

Immediate Past Chair – Marc Herzog, CT

Future meetings:

Spring 2008 meeting, Philadelphia PA,

in conjunction with the AACC Convention

Summer 2008 meeting, Chicago, IL Tentative dates: Aug. 3-6, 2008

Spring 2009 meeting, Phoenix, AZ,

in conjunction with the AACC Convention

Summer 2009 meeting, Jackson Hole, WY

### **Discussion with Vicky Schray**

Vicky Schray, Deputy Director, Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, was asked to speak off-the-record about accreditation and transfer of credit. She indicated that Congress had taken up the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, and that the Secretary of Education is passionate about higher education issues, which is the reason the Commission on the Future of Higher Education was launched. She stated that by 2012, 3 million more jobs will require a college degree, and less than 30% of Americans will have baccalaureate degrees or higher degrees by age 24. Right now, 44% of Americans do not have the education that they want. She reported that the Commission went on a five-city tour to meet with Higher Ed workers and consumers. Ms. Schray noted that the gap between the "haves" and "have-nots" is growing. She stated that the Hispanic population is also growing, but is not being served. She provided an update of the Department's progress by stating that the President's FY08 budget has one of the biggest Pell Grant increases in history. Regarding accreditation, she stated that negotiated rule making is mandated by Congress, and they are aware of problems with accreditation, such as students' inability to transfer credits or degrees, the variance of the definition of standard credits, and different criteria for different programs.

### **Middle College Programs**

Peter Blake, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development of VCCS, and Dr. John Cavan, President of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke about the middle college program. The program strives for 100% GED attainment and serves to increase the number of students entering postsecondary education. The program is funded by WIA discretionary funds as well as local, state, and private funds. Middle College students do well on placement tests and reportedly have a good transition from high school to college. A Middle College student, as well as Sandra Thompson, Middle College Director, also reported on the program.

### **AACC President's Report**

Dr. Boggs provided a report on AACC's activities, and stated that AACC's Board is focusing on Conflict of interest issues, such as student loans, textbooks authored by faculty, and gifts to colleges and staff. He mentioned the importance of negotiated rule making, appropriations, and tax issues, and expressed the importance of eliminating the single definition of higher education institutions, and focusing on more profitable programs. He also mentioned AACC's efforts to recruit students in Asia to generate income among community colleges.

### **Northrup Grumman Shipyard**

The group took a tour of the Northrup Grumman Shipyard to see first hand the ship building process and hear about the training partnerships between the company and area colleges. The group heard presentations from several company employees, including Mike Petters, President of Northrup Grumman Shipbuilding.

## **August 7**

Counterterrorism, Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness Rebecca Miller, Intelligence Analyst with the FBI, spoke on higher education's role in counterterrorism efforts. Both domestic and international terrorism are concerns on college campuses. Higher education is represented by campus police officers on the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Gordon Davies, former Director for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (1977-1997). Dr. Davies was recently appointed to Virginia Governor Kaine's Independent Virginia Tech Incident Review Panel, spoke about the panel's investigation and report on the Virginia Tech shooting, and the many issues it raised. Issues discussed included the importance of planning and practice for responses to critical situations, reviewing the physical plant and options for security, having a notification system, and the sometimes conflicting roles of state and federal laws.

Terry Tollefson reported to the group on the status of his state systems research. 21 chapters had been submitted, and he had commitments from 12 others. Terry urged the group to fill out Steve Katsinas' survey on state finances and to endorse the nomination of Ray Young for AACC's National Service Award.

### **Government Relations**

The AACC Board wants to provide packets of community college information to Presidential Candidates in 2008, which will include policy outlines and basic community college information. Regarding WIA reauthorization, the Senate is at an impasse; however the House is moving forward. Jim Hermes encouraged State Directors to provide input regarding adult education and Perkins funding. He also encouraged State Directors to encourage their legislators to vote for the Dream Act, which provides a pathway to legal status for students and gives States money back on tuition for those students. David Baime provided an update on the Higher Education Act reauthorization. Financial issues are big political issues, such as cutting interest rates on student loans. He also expressed concerns regarding the federal government's role in the transfer of credits issue, stating that the government should not dictate to institutions, and that clear policies are much needed.

### **Statewide Data Systems**

Kay McClenney, Earl Hale, Peter Ewell and Davis Jenkins conducted an afternoon session on issues with Statewide Data Systems and the work of the Joint Data Project. The group discussed relevant issues, including technical elements, definitions of terms, historical and emerging uses of student unit record databases and the components needed for effective longitudinal tracking. The group discussed what various states were doing with their data and systems.

## **August 8**

### **What Presidents Expect from State Directors**

Panel: Debbie DiCroce, President, Tidewater Community College; Gary Rhodes, J. Sargent Reynolds Community College; Richard Teaff, President, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College; Cheryl Thompson-Stacy, President, Eastern Shore Community College. President DiCroce said the State Director should be 1/3 champion, 1/3 collaborator, and 1/3 challenger. The other members of the panel discussed the emphasis that Virginia colleges place on working together in regards to funding requests, etc. and the important role that the State Director plays in maintaining that harmony.