

**ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION  
AND LICENSURE (ABTEL) MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Location:** January 27, 2014  
Comfort Suites at Virginia Center Commons  
Glen Allen, Virginia

**ABTEL Members Present:**

Debra Abadie	Thelma Hampton	Kate Sydney
Allen Lee Bierlair	Kathy Heil	Janice Bell Underwood
Bonnie Bowen	Kenneth LaLonde	Conner Waldron
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Dr. Brian Matney	Jane Watkins
Dr. Rebecca Gates	Nancy Moga	Vern Williams

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Patricia McGloine

**Board of Education Liaison:** Winsome E. Sears for Betsy Beamer

**Ex-Officio Members:** Dr. Monica Osei  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Chris Pfautz for Dr. Susan Wood  
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts  
Virginia Department of Education

**Department of Education Staff:** Dr. Mark R. Allan  
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

**Guests:** Chipley Bader, Bridgewater College  
Jim Batterson, NASA - Retired  
Doug Bitterman, Hill, Inc., and Chair, Education  
Committee, American Council of Engineering  
Companies - Virginia  
Dr. Rebecca Harris, Bridgewater College  
Dr. Jean Roth Hawk, Bridgewater College  
Paul Joseph, Educational Consulting Services  
Cathy Owens Oliver, Educational Testing Service

Dr. Philip Reed, Old Dominion University

Antoinette Rogers, Virginia Education Association  
Dr. Carol Scheppard, Bridgewater College

## **NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION**

### **8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, and Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, conducted a new-member orientation.

## **FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES**

### **9:00 a.m.**

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Dr. Courtney Gaskins, chair, Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

- **Introduction of ABTEL Members**

The Advisory Board members, including new member Allen Bierlair, introduced themselves.

Introduction of the Board of Education Liaison, Ex Officio Members, Department Personnel, and Guests to ABTEL

Dr. Gaskins introduced Ms. Winsome E. Sears, Board of Education member, who was substituting for Board of Education Vice President, Betsy Beamer. Ex Officio members, Virginia Department of Education personnel, and guests introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Debra Abadie made a motion to approve the agenda. Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Heil made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013, Advisory Board meeting. Dr. Brian Matney seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

The following persons spoke during the public comment on the proposed engineering endorsement:

Jim Batterson

Doug Bitterman

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- ***Review and Approval of a Recommendation to Accredite the Teacher Education Program at Bridgewater College through a Process Approved by the Board of Education***

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for the Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, provided the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure with a brief overview of the accreditation process approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, presented the summary of the results of the *Professional Education Program Review Team Report of Findings* conducted April 27-30, 2013, at Bridgewater College. Based on the *Professional Education Program Review Team Report of Findings* (April 2013) for Bridgewater College, the overall recommendation by the on-site review team was ***Accredited with Stipulations***: The professional education program has met the standards minimally, but significant weaknesses have been identified. Within a two-year period, the professional education program shall fully meet standards as set forth in section 8VAC20-542-60 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* Effective September 21, 2007 and Amended January 19, 2011.

Following Dr. Carver's presentation, Mrs. Pitts provided an overview of Bridgewater College's written responses to the on-site review team's findings. The following Bridgewater College representatives responded to questions regarding how they have addressed weaknesses cited in the report since April: Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Carol Scheppard; Interim Director, Teacher Education Program and Professor of Education, Dr. Jean Roth Hawk; Professor of Education, Dr. Rebecca Harris; and Coordinator of Teacher Education, Chipley Bader.

**Bonnie Bowen made the motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure respectfully accept the April 27-30, 2013, *Professional Education Program Review Team Report of Findings*. Dr. Sue Magliaro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with an 18-0 vote.**

**Bonnie Bowen made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure make a recommendation to the Board of Education that (1) the Bridgewater College professional education program be "Accredited," recognizing the work completed since April 2013 to address weaknesses identified in the *Professional***

**Education Program Review Team Report of Findings and (2) Bridgewater College provide a status report annually to the Department of Education to monitor the progress of the professional education program. Allen Bierlair seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 15-3 vote.**

- ***Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) Test Administered by the Educational Testing Service***

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and educational leadership, and Cathy Owens Oliver, client relations director, Teacher Licensure and Certification, Educational Testing Service, made a presentation on the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) Test Administered by the Educational Testing Service.

**Dr. Brian Matney made the motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure make a recommendation to the Board of Education to accept the recommendation of the multistate standard-setting study panel to approve a passing score of 74 out of a possible 110 raw-score points for the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) Test Administered by the Educational Testing Service. The scaled score associated with a raw score of 74 is 160 on a 100-200 scale. Allen Bierlair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with an 18-0 vote.**

## **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

- ***Report on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to the Virginia Board of Education***

Dr. Mark Allan stated that on January 16, 2014, the Board of Education considered the following agenda item: *First Review of Recommendation from the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Family and Consumer Sciences Test (5122)*. The Board will consider the item for final review at its February 27, 2014, meeting.

- ***Report on Initiatives Related to Teacher Education and Licensure Regulations and Assessments***

Patty Pitts reported the following:

The proposed *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the proposed *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* currently are undergoing the executive review process.

In response to the Advisory Board's recommendation, in June 2013 the Board of Education approved the use of the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Test (5031), as the license assessment for individuals seeking an initial license with an endorsement in elementary education (PreK-3 and PreK-6), effective July 1, 2014. In December 2013, the Educational Testing Service notified Department of Education staff that the Reading and Language Arts

and Mathematics subtests were revised and standards setting studies would be conducted February 2014 for these two subtests. Additional information will be presented to the Advisory Board at the March 24, 2014, meeting on this new development.

- ***Presentation on Recruitment and Retention Initiatives***

The Advisory Board agreed that the informational presentation on Recruitment and Retention initiatives would be deferred to a later meeting to allow sufficient time to cover the topic. A report on Virginia Department of Education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure recruitment and retention initiatives will be provided at the March 24, 2014, Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

Dr. Chris Pfautz, director of student support technologies, Virginia Community College System, reported the following:

1. The EducateVA Career Switcher program completed the 2013 fall semester with Capstone graduation days on December 7 and 14, respectively. A total of 92 students completed Level I of the program and are eligible for the provisional (career switcher) license. Included in the 92 completers were:
  - 19 individuals seeking the English as a second language endorsement;
  - 18 individuals pursuing middle and high school mathematics endorsements;
  - 9 individuals seeking foreign language endorsements; and
  - 14 individuals seeking endorsements in middle and high school science.
2. The spring Career Switcher program began on Saturday, January 25, 2014, with over 120 candidates (seeking 20 different endorsement areas) in attendance during orientation activities held at nine community college sites across the Commonwealth. The spring English as a Second Language program will begin on Saturday, February 1, with an anticipated enrollment of more than 25 students. Students participating in the spring programs are anticipated to complete Level I of the Career Switcher program in June 2014 and will be seeking employment in the 2014-2015 school year.
3. As of January 24, 2014, more than 110 new EducateVA Level I completers including several December 2013 program graduates, reported having been hired for the 2013-2014 school year.

## **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)**

Dr. Monica Osei shared the following information on behalf of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia:

1. On January 23, 2014, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and Dominion Resources announced the names of the 12 faculty members from Virginia's public and private colleges and universities selected as recipients of the 2014 Outstanding Faculty Awards. This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the statewide awards program which honors faculty members for excellence in teaching, research, knowledge integration, and public service. The 12 recipients were selected from a pool of 115 applications based on accomplishments that strongly reflect the missions of their respective institutions.

Recipients will be recognized during a February 20, 2014, ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Each recipient will receive an engraved award and a \$5,000 check underwritten by the Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Resources. Dominion is the parent company of Dominion Virginia Power.

Photographs and information about each of this year's recipients are located on the SCHEV Web site at: [www.schev.edu/AdminFaculty/OFAprogramIndex.asp](http://www.schev.edu/AdminFaculty/OFAprogramIndex.asp).

### 2. College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP):

- The CACGP did not receive continued funding from the United States Department of Education for 2013-2014. Staff will continue operating grant activities using no-cost extension funds made available from the United States Department of Education.
- Two of the CACGP "Easy as 1-2-3" initiatives were completed: 1) College Nights in Virginia, November 1-15, 2013 (including 27 locations with more than 5,000 attendees); and 2) Virginia College Application Week, November 18-22, 2013 (held at 32 high school sites with over 7,300 applications received). The third initiative, Super Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Super FAFSA) Week, will take place February 1-8, 2014, in partnership with the Virginia Free Application for Federal Student Aid at over 60 sites, including selected high schools across the Commonwealth and will provide hands-on support and expert guidance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For complete information, updates on events, locations, and download instructions for the "Easy as 1-2-3 Guidebook" application, please access the following Web site: [www.vasfaa.org](http://www.vasfaa.org).
- Through CACGP, SCHEV is working in collaboration with the U. S. Student Aid Office to help Virginia achieve a four percent increase in Free Application for Federal Student Aid over last year's September through May comparison period. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid increases the likelihood of a student's enrollment in college.

- A total of 397 requests were received during the winter “I Am the One” order window. An advance ordering opportunity was offered to schools serving a student population with free and reduced lunch eligibility rates of 50 percent or greater. "I Am the One" is a campaign supported by the federal College Access Challenge Grant Program hosted by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

### **Virginia Department of Education**

Patty Pitts announced that Melissa A. Porfirio, Virginia’s 2014 Teacher of the Year, and a first-grade teacher at Crestwood Elementary School in Fairfax County, was recently named one of four semi-finalists for the 2014 National Teacher of the Year award. The National Teacher of the Year will be announced in April by President Obama during a White House ceremony.

### **Announcements**

Dr. Susan Magliaro asked that Dr. Philip Reed, Old Dominion University, present regarding the proposed engineering endorsement and concluded that the ABTEL public comment period would be the time for comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned at noon.