



ESCC Advisory Board Meeting

January 10, 2023

ESCC Room WD130

Present College Advisory Board

David Bowles, Nick Chuquin, Ruth Downing-Tankard, Marianne Elebash, Annette Gray Thomas, Diane King, Willie Randall, Charlie Walker, Sheila Walker, Ray Wood

Present ESCC Staff

Eve Belote, Scott Hall, Patty Kellam, Patrick Tompkins

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by College Advisory Board Chair, Ray Wood, at 5:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2022

Meeting minutes from 10.11.22 were approved - motion made by Nick Chuquin, seconded by Willie Randall.

3. Introduction: Peggy Lane, VCCS Board Liaison

Dr. Shaeffer introduced Peggy Lane, State Board Vice Chair. She is serving in her sixth year as vice chair, and ESCC is grateful she chose to serve as its liaison.

4. Information Item: VCCS Update

Peggy reported that the board is excited to welcome Dr. David Dore as the new chancellor after an extensive search. He is in his twenty-seventh year serving community college students and brings a broad range of experience and a fresh approach. He is coming to the VCCS from Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona.

The VCCS Board plans to be more in tune with the colleges and to take a more active role in the legislative process. Peggy commented that the VCCS has been underfunded for so long. With HIRE Virginia, the VCCS is asking for \$250 million to train and place 75,000 workers in these middle-skill jobs. The VCCS plans to expand low-cost, no-cost training with FastForward, G3, and Virginia Ready, dual enrollment for high school graduates with credentialing for middle-skill jobs, and career services, internships, apprenticeships, and career placement. The VCCS plans to invest in more advisors and tutors, non-academic financial support, modern labs, classrooms, learning experiences, and marketing of HIRE Virginia.

5. Information Item: VCCS Update

Academic, Student, and Workforce Education

a. Action Item: ESCC Transfer Framework

Dr. Tompkins reported that SCHEV and the VCCS determined that the current Associate of Arts & Sciences (A.A.&S.) transfer degree is anomalous in higher education. Therefore, Virginia's Community Colleges are converting all A.A.&S. degrees to either Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees. To complete the conversion, the current A.A.&S. degrees must be discontinued and the new A.A. and A.S. degrees must be approved.

The ESCC Transfer Framework takes effect in Summer 2023. Students in the current programs are not affected, and the new programs do not require any course changes, except for Education and Business Administration for which standardized transfer programs have been created for all VCCS Colleges.

The ESCC Advisory Board approved the discontinuance of the current A.A.&S. programs and their conversion to A.A. and A.S. programs – motion to approve made by David Bowles, seconded by Nick Chuquin.

b. Action Item: New A.S. Education Degree

Dr. Tompkins reported the A.S. in Education has been approved at the state level. ESCC discontinued the specialization in Education in the Liberal Arts degree, and proposes to create a new A.S. in Education aligned with the statewide curriculum. The new degree should make the Education program more prominent at the college; provides bespoke curricula for teaching PreK-6, special education, middle, secondary, and P-12 specializations; and strengthens transfer from the A.S. at ESCC to a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

The ESCC Advisory Board approved the A.S. in Education degree, effective Summer 2023 – motion to approve made by Willie Randall, seconded by Diane King.

c. Action Item: New A.S. Engineering Degree

Dr. Tompkins reported the A.S. in Engineering has been approved at the state level. ESCC's review of labor market data and extensive, ongoing conversations with NASA Wallops and its constellation of support industries identified engineering as a high-demand, low supply career field. We've talked with Tidewater Community College about sharing some engineering courses and with Old Dominion University (our partner in meeting the employment demand at Wallops) about pathways to the bachelor's. Additionally, an engineering degree aligns with ESCC's intent to reposition the college as Virginia's aerospace college. ESCC proposes to create a new A.S. in Engineering aligned with the statewide curriculum.

The ESCC Advisory Board approved the A.S. in Engineering degree, effective Summer 2023 – motion to approve made by David Bowles, seconded by Willie Randall.

d. Information Item: Academic Curricula Updates

Dr. Tompkins reported the Health Sciences CSC is updated to allow students in pre-nursing tracks to complete some curricular requirements in the practical nursing or professional nursing program before admission into those programs. The Health Sciences CSC now allows students to complete curricular requirements for other healthcare fields; ESCC can build pathways to programs at Tidewater Community College, such as Pharmacy Technician, Radiography, Physical Therapy Assistant and even Funeral Service.

Dual Enrollment: Created pathways to the 16-credit Virginia Passport and the 32-credit Uniform Certificate of General Studies for students in every high school on the Shore through a mix of programs delivered by the high schools and the college, including dual enrollment classes, which earn high school and college credit, and early college classes, which earn college credit only.

High Impact Practices: ESCC's Strategic Goal 2 includes the adoption of High Impact Practices in instruction. ESCC has adopted a capstone experience for every associate degree program. Work remains to adopt two more high impact practices across all ESCC programs.

e. **Information Item: Academic Enrollment Report**

As of January 3, 2023, total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is down 2% at 243, and regular FTE is up nearly 22%. Dual enrollment (DE) is down but will be up at the end of the year due to more class offerings in Accomack. DE will pick up in the spring. Total headcount (HC) is down 8%, and regular HC is up nearly 18%. Total credits per student were level, down only 0.64%; regular credits per student were up 3.69%, and dual credits per student is up 11%.

f. **Information Item: Workforce Enrollment Report**

As of December 19, 2022, Fastforward enrollments were up 24% at 78. The most recent VCCS update reports 102 FF enrollments, an increase of 32 enrollments from this time last year. To date, 20 students are credentialed; the majority of students are waiting to test. Scott said enrollment is tracking to 186 FF enrollments, but his team is pushing for 200 enrollments this fiscal year.

Workforce continues to provide various non-credentialing classes. Adult Education enrollment is ongoing; as of December 19, there are currently 192 students enrolled. The state goal is 199 enrollments. Integrated Education and Training offerings prepare students for the learning environment by enhancing and developing soft skills, resume writing abilities, interview skills etc. Amy Shockley, ESCC Adult Education Coordinator, received the 2022 VCCS Chancellors award for her efforts with IET.

6. Information Item: FY23 Budget

Eve Belote explained that the budget is not the most accurate due to a couple of things with tuition revenue/accounts receivable at the end of FY22 vs FY21. There's a timing difference in tuition collection. Although FY22 FTEs declined from FY21, they remained higher than the original budget (386 vs. 350). To maintain fiscal conservatism, annual FTEs and tuition revenue for the FY23 budget remain flat to the FY22 budget.

The state transitioned to a new payroll system on an old mainframe system. As a result, there have been interface issues, and the VCCS has had to manually post payroll entries to the general ledger through the end of December.

Scott Hall created a workforce budget tool that will help in recognizing workforce's contributions. The workforce budget tool will enable the determination of revenue by class. Any extra funding beyond overhead will go to the college.

The grant work with Hanover Research is ongoing; currently working on the Title III Strengthening Institutions grant proposal. ESCC has yet to receive anything.

Eve will send Ethics Advisory Council's findings and online conflict of interest training information.

7. **Information Item: Foundation Report**

Patty Kellam reported that the ESCC Foundation disbursed \$149,733.65 in scholarships to 137 students for Fall 2022. The total fundraising was \$697,918.90. She is hopeful the Foundation will exceed unique and new donors.

Include Radcliffe foundation 80,000 VCE

The Foundation recently received \$25,000 from ESVA Community Foundation for the ESCC website redesign and \$20,000 from the WCA for FY23 scholarships. The Foundation received \$8,500 from the Va Foundation for Community College Ed (VFCCE) in partnership with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to continue our Healthy Snack program and to incentivize students to use Single Stop to access local services to address food insecurity. The Foundation also received a small grant from VFCCE's Micron Opportunity Fund for tuition and emergency needs for students in STEM classes.

The Oyster Roast Fundraiser for Scholarships is Friday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Workforce Building. Tickets and sponsorships available.

Project Horizons is a college track enrichment and mentoring program that funds each public school, grades 7-12, with a guarantee of two years free tuition at ESCC financed by a grant from ESAAA/CAA Project Discovery, an endowed fund, and individual donors. There are currently 72 students enrolled, up from 60 students in November.

The scholarship luncheon to thank donors for their impact and support is Friday, April 14 in the Workforce Great Hall.

8. **President's Report**

ESCC submitted the Aerospace Academy Lab School planning grant application December 19, 2022; receipt acknowledged December 28, 2022. We anticipate hearing the result before the end of January 2023.

Dr. Patrick Tompkins accepted a new position. The search for an interim VP is ongoing, with an anticipated start date of January 23.

Dr. Shaeffer announced that ESCC received a 22-passenger bus from Star Transit as a gift through the Foundation. We also have two new billboards, one in Exmore and one in New Church.

Dr. Shaeffer invited the board to the ESCC and VA Space MOU signing ceremony on January 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Dr. Shaeffer emphasized his gratitude for Dr. Tompkins’s hard work and leadership saying, “you made me a better president, you made us a better college and community, and you enhanced the shore”. He also thanked him for his innovative ideas like 8-week courses.

Ray Wood reminded the board of the upcoming election for officers, which Katie O’Shea is leading. He mentioned that the policies and procedures need to be updated.

Meeting adjourned: 6:33 PM

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Recorder

Approved by:



Ray Wood
Chairman

Submitted by:



Dr. James Shaeffer
Secretary