

**New College Institute  
Academic Affairs Committee  
July 24, 2008**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Senator Robert Hurt, Delegate Don Merricks, Mr. Joe Roach, and Mr. Rob Spilman**

Also present were **Dr. Barry M. Dorsey**, NCI Executive Director; **Mr. Charles Guthridge**, Public Affairs Consultant; and **Ms. Melanie Ingram**, NCI Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order and Welcome – Joe Roach, Chairman**

Chairman Joe Roach welcomed the members and called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call and Approval of Minutes – Melanie Ingram, Administrative Assistant**

Ms. Ingram called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

On motion by Mr. Spilman, seconded by Senator Hurt, the minutes of the January 2, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Approval of New Degree Programs for 2008 – 09**

Dr. Dorsey announced that NCI will offer two new degree programs beginning Fall Semester and two additional programs in the Spring Semester. They are Bachelor of Individualized Study (BIS – James Madison University), Information Technology (B.S. – Radford University), Early Childhood Education (B.S. – Norfolk State University), and Counseling (M.S. – Old Dominion University). The contracts with the institutions were reviewed and on motion by Mr. Spilman, seconded by Senator Hurt, the committee recommended approval of the contracts to the full Board at its meeting later in the day.

The Committee was informed that the BSIT program offered by Old Dominion University has been eliminated because it duplicates the program already offered over ODU's Teletechnet system.

**Report on Additional Teacher Education Endorsement/Certificate Programs and Program Cohorts to be offered in 2008 – 09**

Dr. Dorsey reported that two additional teacher education endorsement/certificate programs will be offered in 2008 – 09. They are an endorsement in English as a Second Language, offered by the University of Virginia, and a Certificate in Autism Studies, offered by Radford University. These two programs join the Radford University's Earth Science endorsement program already underway through NCI's Teachers' Academy.

**Report on Area Teachers Attending the VCU Summer Workshops**

For the consecutive second year, NCI has provided teachers from the Martinsville – Henry County area an opportunity to attend summer workshops at Virginia Commonwealth University. This year, 11 teachers are taking advantage of the opportunity, an increase from seven in Summer, 2007.

A summary sheet is attached showing teacher enrollment in the various workshops.

**Report on NCI's Support for a Local Student in VCU's Health Management Program**

The Foundation has included funding in its budget for the past two years for a local health employee to enroll in VCU's on-line Master's in Health Administration program. A recipient, Darren Aaron, Director

of Growth and Business Development at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County, was recently accepted for admission in the program and began classes.

### **Review of Possible Future Degree Programs and Associated Projected Costs**

The Committee reviewed and discussed programs projected through 2012 – 13, when the State Council of Higher Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly determine the future of NCI.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

## 2008 VCU Summer Workshops

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Bookmaking	1
Drawing	
Painting	4
Cultural	
Economics	
Education	
Spanish	
Biotechnology I	
Biotechnology II	
Botany	
Entomology	1
Forensics – Crime scene	
Forensics – DNA, drugs	1
Genetics and the Family	1
Rivers	3
Weather and Climate	