

**New College Institute
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2008**

Attendance:

Ms. Amanda Redd, Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Mr. Joe Roach, Mr. Rob Spilman and Dr. Eugene Trani. Ms. Elizabeth Haskell participated electronically.

Also present were: **Dr. Leanna Blevins**, NCI Associate Director; **Dr. Barry Dorsey**, NCI Executive Director; **Mr. Charles Guthridge**, Public Affairs Consultant; **Mr. Charles Toothman**, NCI Fiscal and Human Resources Administrator; and **Ms. Melanie Ingram**, NCI Assistant to the Executive Director.

I. Call to Order – Rob Spilman, Chairman

Chairman Rob Spilman called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

II. 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. Roach, seconded by Mr. Spilman, the minutes of the October 19, 2007 meeting were approved.

III. Review of the Governor's Budget Recommendation for NCI

Dr. Dorsey reviewed NCI's budget summary. The group also reviewed and compared the 2008 Executive Budget Documents from all of Virginia's higher education centers.

Dr. Dorsey initiated a discussion of NCI's original 2008 – 2010 budget request versus Governor Kaine's recommendation to the General Assembly. He asked the committee to determine if NCI wanted to request additional funds or just hold on to Governor Kaine's recommended amount. Senator Reynolds and Mr. Guthridge both suggested that NCI should do everything in its power to protect the amount suggested by the Governor. The Board members agreed and instructed Dr. Dorsey to pursue the appropriation of Governor Kaine's recommended budget for NCI in the 2008 – 2010 biennium.

IV. Review of Other Legislative Items Involving NCI

A. Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund

Dr. Dorsey distributed information from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) on the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund (HEETF). As a new state agency, New College Institute was not included in the allocations that were recommended by the SCHEV board in October. Dr. Dorsey recommended that NCI ask for an allotment of

\$150,000. On motion by Mr. Roach, seconded by Mayor Reynolds, the committee approved moving forward with this request. Senator Reynolds volunteered to file a budget amendment in the Senate to include HEETF funds in the 2008 – 10 Budget Bill. One of our Board members from the House of Delegates will be asked to process this request through the House. Mr. Guthridge advised that this legislative request will need to be submitted in each house by 5 p.m. on January 17, 2008.

B. Joint Building with Patrick Henry Community College

Dr. Dorsey advised the committee members that Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC) would receive \$8.7 million in the governor's proposed Bond Bill for the construction of a motorsports/workforce development center. Dr. Max Wingett of PHCC is interested in getting additional money in the bond bill to add a health sciences wing to the building. Dr. Wingett and Dr. Dorsey have discussed NCI's possible support for the additional request. (A health sciences facility would enable PHCC to offer two-year allied health programs and NCI the opportunity to add bachelor's completion programs.) After a discussion, the group agreed that it would be difficult to get an amendment passed and decided not to support a request for additional funds but to fully support the PHCC building as included in the Bond Bill.

C. Other Legislative Items

There were no other legislative items discussed.

V. Other Business

No other business was brought before the committee.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.