

NLCVA Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2016
Online



Welcome

Attendance: Jon Becker (VCU), Sarah Cheverton (JMU), Will Fox (VT), Art Fridrich (VSU), Julie Mersiowsky (LU), Kristin Palmer (UVa), Jenny Quarles (VCCS), Teggin Summers (VT), Joy Taylor (GMU)

Connection

What's Up? Roundtable

Teggin Summers and Will Fox (VT)

No specific update on VT. Teggin has accepted a position at San Francisco University. Will transition out of current position over the next month and start there in January. Will plans to stay involved with NLCVA and Teggin will follow up with Lujean about staying involved!

Big push at VT for adaptive learning-- DILT (Data Informed Learning and Teaching) -- 5 courses over 5 years. Initial courses in College of Science, probably high impact courses. There is a lot of discussion about Math Emporium-- might become a "second generation Math Emporium."
Good report on learning outcomes from ME.

Jenny Quarles (VCCS)

Grappling with the budget news last week (7.5% cut for all higher ed FY18). \$35M for VCCS. Jenny has visited 15 colleges across the state. Still working on Course Materials Affordability Strategic Plan (related to open education resources movement).

Jon Becker (VCU)

LMS strategy-- considering a different approach-- a "next generation" learning environment. Over 1000 different applications are being used across University. Should be looking at more than LMS/bigger than LMS. Jon is trying to introduce the committee to various tools and concepts while trying not to drive the direction. Jon's area going through new leadership; search is starting for new Executive Director. Priority is now on professional Masters degrees online. University overall is going through HR overhaul and budget process overhaul.

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Joy Taylor (GMU)

Wiley project is starting. Trying to stand up a CRM for admissions and now entire campus. Reorganization afoot. Virginia degree completion update: integrated systems with ODU, including a “calculator” to determine what else the student needs to finish their degree. VCCS might be involved as well. Many details still need to be determined-- credits, which institution will grant degrees, etc. [See [SCHEV report on Virginia Statute §23.1-909](#). NLCVA contributed to the report. GMU and ODU will be leading the *Online Virginia Network* effort to meet the goals of the statute.]

Kristin Palmer (UVa)

More of a business focus in regard to systems. Lori Kressin focused on accessibility and interested in partnering with others. Jefferson Accelerator -- work with startups that are beyond startup; involved in research to look at efficacy of learning technologies. Also looking at how leaders are looking at research to make decisions. Gearing up for University anniversary. Business schools will be hiring instructional designers.

Art Fridrich (VSU)

Have signed a contract with Lumen. Will be starting an OER project. Continuation of digital materials program (offering texts, etc. in digital format at lower price). New president is engaging with community.

Julie Mersiowsky (Longwood)

In what was Jenny’s position. Knows there will be changes coming with budget changes. However, will be hiring an instructional designer. Hosted the VP debate in October; campus still in “recovery” mode (catch up). Reviewing courses, qualifying teachers with Quality Matters.

Sarah Cheverton (JMU)

Sarah in new position as Assistant Coordinator of Online Learning in office of Vice Provost of University Programs. Office will be launching JMU Online Learning Council which will perform a SWOT using the C-RAC guidelines and then develop a strategic plan. Search for new Provost is underway.

The group engaged in some **follow up conversation** about the theme of uncertainty across our institutions in the wake of an extraordinary year of reorganization and new leadership, the very recent US Presidential election, and the upcoming Virginia budget cuts. We observed that decisions are sometimes made by those with limited understanding of online learning and the application of learning technologies. It was suggested that NLCVA try to develop a white paper that can be used to engage discussion with our respective institutions’ leadership and perhaps beyond. **ACTION:** Jon will draft an outline that we can work from in our January meeting.

Activity "Report"

Report on [Hot Topic meeting on Accessibility](#) with guest Lori Kressin from UVa. (The post also includes a link to notes from the Hot Topic meeting on Online Learning Policy held in June, 2016).

- List/plan future Hot Topics for discussion
 - Sarah suggested we try to coordinate and host a meeting at the CHEP conference at VT in February. Kristin commented that this is an international conference so we should look for a topic of broad interest.
 - In response to Teggin's update about the Math Emporium, Sarah suggested that at some point we have a group discussion about what is meant by "engagement" and "interactivity." Teggin mentioned that a related paper has recently been published.
 - **ACTION:** Teggin and/or Will will send Sarah some contact information for the CHEP coordinators. Sarah will try to schedule a meeting and coordinate with the CHEP team to advertise the event.

Report from VA-SARA Advisory Committee Meeting (Jon)

First year that institutions had to report their out-of-state enrollments. Not all institutions reported or some reported zero. Some institutions are joining SARA proactively. Concerns about schools paying to be involved. Questions about field placement "rules" and requirements. 44 states are in SARA. 3 holdouts: CA, FL, MA

Legislative changes that codified NC-SARA. Not sure how new federal administration will affect state authorizations. Possibly re-writing consumer protection laws that will require any institution serving Virginia students must be SARA-certified. [

For those schools who have licensing/certification related programs-- be sure to talk with appropriate licensing and certification agencies as SARA does not address these.

Administrative

Next September: Samantha has asked if we can coordinate first meeting of 17-18 year with IDEAx meeting, both of which will be held in Richmond. IDEAx meeting will be held at the VCCS office in Midlothian and will be scheduled first. Once we know that date, we can set the date

for the NLCVA meeting; preferably, it would be scheduled for the day before or after the IDEAx meeting. **DECISION:** Yes.

Review, discuss and vote on the [draft revised bylaws](#) prepared by Joy (these are in the NLCVA Google Drive folder so please let me know if you need access). **ACTION:** Sarah will set a deadline and ask members to review and comment on bylaws revision by that date.

Coordinate NLCVA website (<https://nlcvirginia.org/>) support. DISCUSSION: Suggested that members regularly post updates about institutions on the website. **ACTION:** Sarah will send invitation to all reps to be added to the site as an editor. Site is on Wordpress.com so users must have a Wordpress.com account.

Upcoming Events

CHEP

2/14/17 (same time as annual ELI)

Would be a good venue for a Hot Topic session-- Teggin and Will will help get us connected to the conference organizers for sponsorship, meeting coordination. Keep

Next Meeting:

January 23, 2017

Richmond