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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable R. Steven Landes
Chairman, House Committee on Education

The Honorable Stephen D. Newman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education and Health

FROM: Peter Blake

DATE: October 1, 2018

SUBJECT: 2018 Report on the implementation of the course credit policy

On behalf of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, I am pleased to submit the 2018 report on the implementation of the course credit policy at Virginia's public colleges and universities.

Code of Virginia §23.1-905.1 requires Council to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the implementation of the course credit policy by each public institution of higher education by October 1 of each year. This annual report presents an overview of progress toward completion of the dual enrollment course credit policy. The development of the policy is guided by the Dual Enrollment and Passport Advisory Committee (DEPAC). DEPAC consists of representatives from SCHEV, the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the Virginia Department of Education and representatives from each of Virginia's public four-year institutions.

DEPAC has convened four times since January 2018. The committee has developed a draft policy that defines dual enrollment; provides a statement of purpose for dual enrollment; discusses mutual responsibility for accurate information; discusses parallel transferability of dual enrollment coursework; outlines quality standards; and discusses state-level oversight and communication. At the core of the policy is the Principle of Parallel Transferability which states:

"For purposes of transfer, dual enrollment courses shall be treated in parallel with the same course when taken on campus—i.e., dual enrollment status per se shall not affect transferability, or the satisfaction of specific academic requirements. Any exceptions to the principle of parallel transferability shall be based on data regarding student success and shall be clearly communicated in all relevant informational materials."

DEPAC last convened on September 11, 2018, to discuss the current iteration of the course credit policy. At that time, the committee suggested the policy be subjected to further review by the Instructional Program Advisory Committee (IPAC) and the State Committee on Transfer (SCT). DEPAC reconvenes in December 2018 to review this feedback.

The goal of the committee is to complete the policy in early 2019. We look forward to working with you in the future on these and other high priority issues for Virginia higher education. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question of comments regarding this report or any other higher education matters.

c: The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education
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