

Virginia Needs Adult Supervision for Colleges and Universities

If 'war is too important to be left to the generals', then certainly 'higher education is too important to be left to the educrats'. Generals need civilian authority to set the political goals for wars. Likewise, the goals for Virginia's colleges and universities need legislative authority. Education, not indoctrination, requires the accountability to elected representatives of the People.

Accountability may get lost if the General Assembly is not very careful in crafting any 'charter' college law. The foremost outcome is a steady stream of money to Virginia's colleges and universities.

During the hysterical 02-04 biennium, when tax revenue reflected the Clinton recession/9-11 financial shock ('00-'03), state spending increased over \$2 B (>4% real growth). But, Medicaid mandates increased at a much higher rate. The Governor and the General Assembly increased spending in every department and section of state government, modestly, and schwacked Higher Education with real cuts.

It was tough to balance the school's books in a few months after real hits. Virginia's colleges and universities came back with higher tuition and fees and made it up in two years. But, they don't want that to happen again. It makes afternoon sherry drinking so depressing.

The need for a steady income stream to make long range planning less chaotic can be fixed with a 'rainy day' fund. A real one. If there are other, true, encumbrances to managing Higher Education, then those may be addressed with specific legislation. But, be careful, very careful indeed, before you, the People, give educrats Charters to run your colleges and universities as they please.

The excellence of Virginia's Higher Education is in jeopardy. Not because of money. The jeopardy is dumbing-down the curriculum, re-instituting racism, rejecting the fruit of the Enlightenment – rational empiricism, wasteful socialism, and indoctrination in Human Secular Totalitarianism replete with speech codes worthy of Big Brother. Ask your legislators to show you how a Charter bill will effect these issues.

Decrease State Enrollment. Will the educrats be allowed to decrease the number (and per cent) of Virginia students accepted? Out of state kids bring more money in higher out of state tuition.

Increase Illegal Aliens. Will the educrats be able to offer scholarships to illegal aliens? Will they act as scofflaws to enroll more illegal aliens and not report them to immigration authorities?

Promote Racism. Last year, an Assistant Dean for Minorities at U VA threw the white students out of a meeting he held. If a dean had kicked out black kids, it would've made national news. Check out how many administrators have jobs based on race or gender.

Also, U VA has separate, but certainly equal, breakfasts for parents of 1st Year (Freshmen) students for Blacks, Hispanics, Asian, and other parents. Will the Educrats be able to continue, or worsen, their practice of accepting kids, based on race, with lower SAT scores for 'diversity'.

Demote Diversity. Will the educrats be able to cleanse their faculty and deny promotion of ideological diversity? Look closing at the hiring, promotion, tenure, firing details.

Honor Sodomy. Will the educrats be able to give benefits to homosexual partners, just like married people, when homosexual marriage is illegal in Virginia? When I was adjunct faculty at William and Mary, I was the told the only thing I could NOT say was anything against homosexuality. I was shocked. What would I possibly say about homosexuality in a class on Politics of the Cold War? That was 1993.

Socialist Waste. U VA won't pay a 'minimum wage' to workers but a higher 'living wage'. They do that as long as capitalist Virginia keeps pumping money into their socialist paradise. When and why where workers ever fired at Virginia Colleges and Universities? Look at the jobs and pay scales. U Va has about 1.7 persons on the payroll for each student attending.

Liberal OneThink. Look at the mandatory classes, like the 1st Year seminar on Conflict Resolution taught by pacifists at U Va. Can you get an 'A' if you say the best resolution of conflict is victory in war? What are the speech and behavior codes?

Virginia's colleges and universities are branches of the Western Civilization's higher education dating back to the Middle Ages. There have been ups and downs over the centuries of progress and corruption for great institutions of higher learning. Our excellence in education in Virginia can become the façade of just a fine old name. Intelligent voters must keep the educrats accountable. Please do.

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