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ABSTRACT

This is a study of the outcomes of the professional development initiative implemented in 1993 by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). It attempts to answer the question of whether faculty participation in structured professional development activities results in significant improvements in teaching. The primary objective of the study was to evaluate the actual effects of the initiative and to determine: (1) the extent to which these effects addressed the documented professional development needs of faculty, and; (2) the extent to which these effects resulted in enhanced student learning. Reported are the results of a 5-year follow-up survey of the professional development activities and needs of VCCS faculty. Included are a literature review, methods and procedures, and research findings related to the professional development survey, peer group conferences, and research grants. Based on the research findings, recommendations for improved professional development programs include the use of conferences, workshops, seminars and other short-term, focused meetings as a means of educating faculty. Appended are brief guidelines for facilitating meetings, research grant information, surveys and forms, and time-management data. (Contains 15 references) (AS)



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Introduction

There exists abundant information concerning the structure and organization of professional development programs that have been implemented in colleges and universities throughout the country, but scarce data exist to measure program effectiveness. Professional development programs tend to be developed for a common purpose, that is, to maintain the professional vitality and productivity of faculty and other academic professionals who are responsible for fostering student learning. However, the large question remains. Does faculty participation in structured professional development activities result in real improvements in teaching and learning? A study of the outcomes of the professional development initiative implemented in 1993 by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) attempts to answer this question.

Literature Review

A literature review conducted prior to publication of the 1993 report by the VCCS Professional Development Task Force, A Plan For Revitalization (Sydow, 1993), revealed that empirically acquired knowledge on the topic of professional development is scant.

And a review of literature published since 1992 confirmed that the status remains relatively unchanged. Knowledge about professional development has been created largely through accounts of personal experience, not by experimental testing. O'Banion (1997) explains this in part by noting, "Even in the best of circumstances—the best-trained staff using the best instruments in the most controlled situation—assessment is far from being an exact science, especially when applied to individuals. For assessment to 'work'



for the individual learner... the process must be framed around the needs of the learner" (p. 91).

In a review of research on effective professional development methods, Maxwell and Kazlauskas (1992) identified community college professional development programs that effectively encouraged instructor participation and improved teaching skills. They found that the most effective programs were those geared toward improving the subject knowledge and research skills of faculty. Grant projects designed to improve and update classroom activities and instruction, for example, were viewed as highly effective, particularly those projects geared toward the faculty member's own area of expertise or knowledge. With regard to workshops or conferences, researchers concluded that the effectiveness of these professional development activities should be based on actual outcomes as perceived by participants. Further, Maxwell and Kazlauskas found that programs which offer workshops in instructional technology, faculty exchange programs with other institutions, travel funds, attendance at professional meetings, and temporary course load reductions all contribute to effective instructional development (p. 357).

Another research review conducted by Burnstad (1994) supported the notion that successful professional development programs must be comprehensive, offering a wide range of development opportunities, such as mini-grants, mentoring, resource centers, consortiums, and workshops, conferences and seminars. Burnstad concluded that any development program must be constituent driven, supported by the administration, managed by a staff developer, adequately funded, periodically evaluated, and it must "advance the mission of the college through a student-centered, research-driven approach" (p. 389). Similarly, Mott (1994) maintained that successful professional development



programs must (1) include all employees, (2) address the long-range needs of all involved, and (3) have financial commitment. And Schwandt (1996) identified financial support and resources, as well as a common vision among faculty and administrators, as factors that enhance a professional development program (p. 310). These researchers found common elements that are characteristic of successful professional development programs, but they did not present program evaluation models.

In what was perhaps the most quantitative of all the studies reviewed, Harnish and Wild (1992) examined actual benefits brought about by implementation of a five-year instructional improvement grant. The researchers chose interviews as their research technique because of the broad nature of the instrument "to capture and communicate the diverse experience of faculty participants and to determine what difference the project had made to them and their teaching" (p. 22). Basically, Harnish and Wild sought to identify what motivated faculty to participate in professional development activities, and what perceived impact participation in these activities had made in their classrooms and in their professional lives. They concluded that the program resulted in significant gains for the instructors, their students, and the institution. Gains included increased sharing among colleagues, improved student satisfaction, curriculum improvements, increased subject knowledge for instructors, updated skills, as well as new materials for the classroom. These findings were the direct reports and observations of faculty about their own students' progress.

The literature review did not present a single program evaluation model that could be applied to the present study; however, it did suggest approaches, such as participant interviews, that informed the methodology of this study. The literature review also



yielded information about various professional development activities and program components that have consistently been perceived by faculty as effective.

The VCCS Professional Development Initiative

The Virginia Community College System, which employs nearly 2,000 full-time faculty and serves more than 220,000 students (75,000 full-time equivalent students) at 23 colleges (35 campuses), faces many of the challenges common to higher education at the end of the 20th century, including increased accountability, rapid technological advancement, changing enrollment patterns, declining financial resources, and an aging faculty. To prevent these harsh fiscal, social and demographic realities from accelerating problems such as faculty burn out, inertia and loss of productivity in teaching and learning, the VCCS looked to professional development as a means of maintaining optimal faculty vitality and productivity, and optimal student learning. The Chancellor of the VCCS convened a task force in 1992 to study professional development in the system and to recommend a plan of action.

Findings of the 1992 study, which included a literature review, an analysis of model professional development programs, and a survey of the professional development activities and needs of Virginia's community college faculty, revealed that there existed virtually no systemwide support for professional development, and fewer than half of the system's 23 colleges (43%) reported having a professional development program in place—the majority of those programs were still in the formative stages. Lack of time, funding, and support were identified by faculty as barriers to professional development. The VCCS Professional Development Initiative proposed by the task force was designed



and implemented to eliminate these barriers and to create an environment conducive to continual growth and learning at every college in the system, for a precept of the Initiative is that faculty development results in enhanced student learning.

Research findings indicated, and the task force recommended, that a coordination of effort on the part of faculty, the colleges, and the system would be required for the success of a comprehensive professional development plan. Each stakeholder was found to have a particular role to play in bringing about the goal of sustained vitality. Individuals would have to be responsible for their continued professional growth, but, at the same time, institutions and the system would be required to provide conditions conducive to professional growth and sustained vitality. Recommendations presented in the report submitted by the VCCS professional development task force (Sydow, 1993) were based on the premise that the goal of professional development could best be accomplished through common purpose, joint effort and mutual responsibility among individual faculty, the colleges, and the VCCS.

The Chancellor accepted the task force's recommendations, and in 1993 the State Board for Community Colleges in Virginia approved the Chancellor's recommendation to implement a comprehensive, statewide professional development initiative. The Initiative provides support for all areas of professional development—discipline, instructional, career and organizational development. Headed by a full-time director under the guidance of a systemwide committee, the Initiative requires that each college maintain a comprehensive professional development program; it encourages and supports faculty to maintain individual development plans; and it provides eight statewide, system-supported programs that contribute time, funding and support for professional development. These



programs include Peer Group Conferences, Research Grants, Teleconferences, Minority
Faculty Recruitment, Leadership Seminars, Classified Staff Development, Technology
Skills Certification, and Regional Teaching Excellence Centers.

Since its implementation in 1993, the VCCS Professional Development Initiative has won national recognition awards, including the prestigious Hesburgh Certificate of Excellence and the National Bellwether Award. Over the past five years, the VCCS has dedicated \$500,000 annually and a total of \$2.5 million to the Initiative, the stated goal of which is to enhance student learning through an ongoing investment in the professional vitality and productivity of faculty. To date, nearly every full-time faculty member in the VCCS, and many adjunct faculty, have availed themselves of the abundant opportunities made possible through the Initiative to strengthen and renew the professoriate and to advance student learning.

Methods and Procedures

The results of a five-year follow-up survey of the professional development activities and needs of VCCS faculty are reported in this study. For the purpose of triangulation, two of the most expansive and expensive program components—peer group conferences (\$200,000 annual allocation) and research grants (\$200,000 annual allocation)—are reviewed and evaluated using widely accepted qualitative research methods. The primary objective of the study is to evaluate the actual effects of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative and to determine the extent to which these effects addressed the documented professional development needs of faculty and the extent to which these effects resulted in enhanced student learning.



Professional Development Survey

To determine the current status of professional development in the VCCS and, in essence, to measure the effectiveness of the Professional Development Initiative, the original, literature-based survey instrument administered in the fall of 1992 to all faculty in the VCCS was re-administered in the fall of 1997. The 1997 survey included an additional set of questions about specific components of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative. Also, based upon feedback received through a pilot survey, certain questions were reworded for clarity. Otherwise, the 1992 and 1997 survey instruments were identical; each included sets of questions concerning the following: current professional activities, individual professional development goals, institutional support, and demographic data. (See the 1993 report, A Plan for Revitalization, for a detailed discussion of how the original survey was designed and administered.)

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Surveys from anonymous participants were returned by each college to the system office, numerical responses to survey questions were scanned into a computer data base for tabulation and analysis, and written comments to open-ended questions were typed and coded for analysis.

Peer Group Conferences

Peer group conferences are planned by discipline representatives convened by the VCCS Director of Professional Development, with logistical support provided by VCCS staff.

The conferences are attended by faculty from throughout the VCCS who teach in the discipline. Participants in these annual or bi-annual meetings complete program



assessment forms at the end of the conference (see assessment form, Appendix 1). For the purposes of this study, completed assessment forms for each conference from the fall of 1993 through the spring of 1997 were reviewed to identify patterns in the immediate, post-conference attitudes of respondents, e.g., what they considered to be highlights of the conference, what was learned, and what changes should be effected to improve future meetings. Peer group conference programs or agendas from the same time period were also reviewed to ascertain the different themes, topics, and structures adopted by the various groups. Information obtained from these reviews was then used to plan the focus group research.

Although focus group research is time intensive—selecting questions and participants, contacting participants, coordinating dates and times for meetings, transcribing tapes, and analyzing results—focus groups were employed in this study to discover and document specific outcomes and measurable effects of peer group conference participation. The professional development survey provides general, quantitative information about participation in peer groups and the perceived effectiveness of this development activity; focus groups provide specific, qualitative information about the outcomes of participation.

Focus groups were used to identify the short-term and long-term effects of peer group conferences on faculty participants, specifically knowledge or skills gained that were subsequently applied in the classroom. Peer group participants from throughout the VCCS were identified by discipline, year of participation and college; they were then representatively selected to participate in focus groups of four to six faculty from each of the following disciplines: Engineering Technologies, Business Technologies, Allied Health.



Natural and Physical Sciences, and Arts and Humanities. These focus groups were led by a trained moderator and were conducted by conference call (see moderator's guide, Appendix 2).

Finally, a qualitative research software program, NUD•IST, was employed to identify themes that emerged in the focus groups. NUD•IST is a program designed for storage, coding, retrieval, and analysis of focus group transcripts. Transcripts from each focus group were loaded into NUD•IST, and the qualitative software was used to sort emergent patterns or themes related to peer group conferences and their effectiveness in contributing to improvements in teaching and learning. Traditional coding and analysis of transcripts was also employed.

Research Grants

To promote research and scholarship among faculty, a grant program was established as one component of the Initiative to provide up to \$8,000 per semester to support faculty research and professional development in four areas: discipline, instructional, career and organizational development. All full-time faculty are eligible to apply for released time to complete a project and/or funding for project-related expenses. Proposals are reviewed by a subcommittee of the VCCS Professional Development Committee, which is comprised of faculty members from each institution in the 23-college System. In 1996, a catalog of project reports and abstracts was published by the VCCS Professional Development Committee in an effort to disseminate information about studies and findings, but no analysis of the findings or outcomes of grant-supported research had been conducted prior to the current study.



Grant recipients are required to submit a report that summarizes the results of their funded project; this report asks them about expected versus actual results and outcomes, as well as benefits realized as a result of having completed the project. For the purposes of this study, each grant proposal approved for funding (n = 326) and each final report (n = 190) was reviewed and sorted by development type, i.e., instructional, organizational, discipline, career (see proposal and report forms, Appendix 3). Of the 326 proposals reviewed, 57 percent were submitted for the purpose of instructional development, 21 percent for discipline development, 21 percent for organizational development, and 1 percent for career development. To gain insight into the variety of projects undertaken in each development category and the range of outcomes over the five-year period, the proposals and reports from ten percent of grants in each category were representatively selected and loaded into NUD•IST for identification of patterns and themes related to outcomes of grant participation.

Research Findings

Professional Development Survey

Of the 2,688 questionnaires mailed to the colleges for distribution, 2,137 were completed and returned, yielding a total response rate of 80 percent, compared to a 75 percent response rate in the 1992 survey. Participation by institution was 100 percent, which means that responses from academic and administrative personnel at all twenty-three colleges are represented in the study. Demographic data of survey respondents of 1997 compared with respondents of 1992 are provided in Table 1.



Table 1. Demographics of 1992 (92	_	97
	N	%	N	%
Gender				
Male	1,056	51.0	1,081	50.6
Female	905	43.7	962	45.0
remaie	903	43.7	902	43.0
Age				
Under 30	41	2.0	30	1.4
30-39	273	13.2	207	9.7
40-49	915	44.2	709	33.2
50-59	559	27.0	916	42.8
60 or over	178	8.6	194	9.1
Position Currently Held				
Administrator	308	14.9	372	17.4
Faculty	1,519	73.4	1,509	70.6
Counselor	91	4.4	117	70.0 5.5
Librarian	29	1.4	38	1.8
Other	37	1.4	28	1.8
Outer	37	1.0	20	1.5
Years in Current Position				
Less than one	126	6.1	67	3.1
1-5 years	534	25.8	483	22.6
6-10 years	323	15.6	391	18.3
11-20 years	635	30.7	491	23.0
Over 20 years	354	17.1	652	30.5
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Courses Taught	0.07	20.0	060	40.5
Transfer	807	39.0	859	40.2
Occupational/Technical	667	32.2	631	29.5
Does not apply	397	19.2	413	19.3
Highest Degree Held				
Doctoral degree	400	19.3	514	24
Master's + 24 or Specialist	584	28.2	607	28.4
Master's degree	747	36.1	727	34
Professional degree	54	2.6	44	2.1
Bachelor's degree	132	6.4	132	6.2
	132	0.4	132	0.2

Note: Percentages do not always add up to 100 percent because missing and unreadable responses, which are not listed in the table, were calculated as part of the total.



The demographic data reveal similar survey populations in 1992 and 1997, with the exception of two related categories, age and years in current position. The percentage of respondents in 1992 who reported being under 50 years of age was 59.4 compared to 44.3 percent in 1997. Conversely, the percentage of respondents in 1992 who reported being 50 years of age or older was 35.6 percent compared to 51.9 percent in 1997. The number of respondents reporting having been in their current position for over 20 years nearly doubled in the five-year period between the two surveys, increasing from 17.1 in 1992 to 30.5 percent in 1997. These findings are consistent with the national trend toward an aging faculty.

Time spent participating in selected professional development activities varied little from 1992 to 1997, except with regard to seeking outside funding, conducting research, attending professional meetings, and recruiting students. In each of these activities, faculty reported spending more time in 1997 than they did five years prior. A full 10 percent more faculty in 1997 responded that they spend some time seeking outside funding, 8 percent more faculty spend some time conducting research and attending professional meetings, and 9 percent more faculty spend some time recruiting students. These increases, particularly in the areas of research and professional conferences, may be explained by the additional professional development opportunities made available to faculty through the VCCS Professional Development Initiative. The increased time spent seeking outside funding and recruiting may also be explained by increased pressures related to shrinking state funding. Table 2 indicates the number of hours per week that respondents in 1992 and 1997 reported spending on selected activities.



Table 2. Percent of Respondent) III		-5		10 11-2		-20 or		ver 20	
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Principal duties of position	0	.2	3	1	5	2	27	26	64	69	
Activities related to teaching	8	9	16	16	24	24	32	31	19	19	
Interacting with students outside of class	5	5	52	51	29	28	8	10	5	5	
Interacting with colleagues informally	8	4	7 9	80	10	11	2	2	0	1	
Committee work	19	12	70	77	8	7	2	1	0	0	
Seeking outside funding	83	73	14	22	1	2	0	1	0	0	
Conducting research	57	49	34	39	5	7	2	2		1	
Professional meetings/conferences	40	32	56	61	3	3	0	1	0	0	
Recruiting	61	52	35	41	2	4	1	1	.0	0	
Coursework toward degree	73	70	17	20	5	5	2	1		1	
Giving speeches	71	68	27	27	1	i	0	0	0	0	
Community service work	24	23	64	64	9	8	2	2	0	1	
Activities solely to improve professional performance	45	32	51	62	2	3	0	1	0	0	
Outside paid employment	68	73	19	17	6	5	3	2	4	1	
Work for professional organization	56	53	41	41	2	2	0	1	0	0	
Reading professional journals	9	10	79	79	9	7	1	1	1	1	
Teaching overload (credit hours)	63	56	33	36	3	5	0	1	0	0	
Interacting with outside agencies	35	30	54	54	7	9	2	3			

Note: Percentages do not always add up to 100 percent because missing and unreadable responses, which are not listed in the table, were calculated as part of the total.



Table 3. Percent Of Respondents Reporting # of Years Since Participating in Selected Activities,

1992 & 1997	I				7-9 >or = 10					
	< 07	= 3	4.	-6	7	-9	>or	= 10	n	/a
	'92	'97	<i>'92</i>	'97	'92	'97	'92	'97	'92	'97
Conference Attendance	88	92	6	4 .	2		2	1	2	1
Educational Leave/Sabbatical	10	9	4	4	3	2	26	28	55	55
Scholarly contribution	36	37	10	10	5	6	18	19	30	28
Internship or exchange	11	14	3	4	2	2	19	20	62	58
Developed a new course	52	56	13	11	5	5	8	8	22	19
Revised course to reflect new developments in field	63	66	8	7	3	2	4	4	22	20
Revised course to reflect new developments in technology	#	62	*	6.5	•	2.1	*	4.0		25
Revised course to incorporate elements of general education	45	43	8	10	3	3	5	7	37	36
Completed credit course	38	32	17	16	12	11	26	32	6	9
Participated in an innovative teaching experiment	50	55	8	9	4	3	11	8	27	23
Had an article published	14	14	6	6	4	5	24	25	51	48
Contributed to a book	12	12	3	4	3	3	18	20	63	60
Applied to an outside agency for a research grant	14	18	4	5	3	3	17	16	61	55
Participated in planning a workshop or conference	58	64	9	9	6	4	8	8	49	14
Participated in a colloquy	46	53	7	9	4	3	9	9	32	25
Served on a professional committee outside the college	50	54	8	10	4	4	11	10	26	21

Note: Percentages do not always add up to 100 percent because missing and unreadable responses, which are not listed in the table, were calculated as part of the total. The asterisk (*) denotes information not gathered in the 1992 survey.

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The 1997 survey results indicate that more faculty are attending conferences or professional meetings than in 1992, which undoubtedly results from increased funding for this development activity. Four percent (4%) more faculty reported having recently (within the past 3 years) attended a professional conference or workshop in their field in 1997 than in 1992. Similarly, 7 percent more respondents stated that they had recently (within the past 3 years) participated in a scheduled colloquy to discuss a professional issue, and 6 percent more said they had participated in the planning, organization, and/or offering of a workshop, conference, etc., in the same time period (See Table 3.)

Five percent (5%) more faculty reported having recently (within the past 3 years) participated in an innovative teaching experiment (e.g., team teaching, writing across the curriculum, computer-assisted instruction, etc.) in 1997 than in 1992. And 61.7 percent of 1997 faculty respondents said that within the past three years they had significantly revised a course on the basis of new developments in technology. This question was not included in the 1992 survey, so no comparison to previous findings can be provided. However, the rapid increase in technological development over the past five years, the tremendous gains in information infrastructure upgrades made possible at each college as the result of appropriations secured by the VCCS for technology upgrades in 1995-1997, and the increased expectation that faculty utilize technology to enhance student learning have certainly contributed to the large percentage of faculty who have recently integrated technology into the curriculum. The increased number of faculty (6% more in 1997 than in 1992) reporting that it has been 10 or more years since they completed a university credit course may be explained by data suggesting that more faculty are opting for workshops, conferences, and other professional meetings rather than lengthier, formal



courses to remain up-to-date in their fields. Table 3 provides detailed information about the percentage of respondents (1992 and 1997) reporting the number of years since participating in selected professional development activities.

The overwhelming majority of respondents indicated that they will pursue professional development in the upcoming year. Only 7.6 percent indicated no plans to participate in professional development in 1998, compared to 12 percent in 1992. When viewed in conjunction with the demographic data indicating that more respondents are older and have been in their positions longer, this low percentage of faculty with no plans to participate in professional development is even more noteworthy, for the late career stage tends to be a period of deceleration when faculty gradually withdraw interest from the college. Hall (1976) describes the shift in role that generally typifies this period by noting that one moves from a dynamic role of doer to one of supporter, guide, counselor, and advisor.

Despite the availability of research grants and other Initiative activities designed to provide released time and money for faculty to engage in professional development, these two factors—time (42.2 %) and money (23.2%)—were once again the predominant reasons stated for deciding "not to participate in a professional development activity that is available" (see survey instrument, Appendix 4). As was revealed from the peer group and research grant studies, some faculty perceive their teaching loads to be prohibitive to professional development. The dramatic increase in the availability of professional development activities brought about by the Initiative may also significantly contribute to the feeling that there simply is not enough time or money to participate in all "available" activities. Faculty are given many more professional development options, thus making it



possible to pick and choose—to customize—among a wide variety of development activities. Of note is the fact that 5 percent fewer respondents in 1997 cited lack of money as a reason for non-participation.

Table 4. Percent Of Respondents Indicating the Importance of Various Professional Development Goals. 1992 & 1997

(Joans, 1992 & 1994	Unimportant/ Somewhat Unimportant	Some	rtant/ what rtant	Not a	Goal
	'92 '97	<i>'92</i>	'97	192	'97
Become more effective at job	1 1	99	98	0	0
Become more knowledgeable in field	2 1	97	98	0	0
Obtain a higher degree	21 19	40	32	38	45
Obtain a higher rank	16 15	55	46	29	34
Obtain an administrative position	24 22	14	12	58	58
Obtain a position at 4-yr. college or university	28 26	16	12	56	59
Obtain a position in a non-academic setting	27 25	11	10	62	61
Obtain a full-time teaching position (p/t only)	6 5	9	3	68	63

Nearly all respondents identified increased effectiveness in their jobs (98%) and increased knowledge in their respective fields (98%) as a "somewhat important" or "important" professional goal. Fewer respondents indicated that obtaining higher rank (46% in 1997 compared with 55% in 1992) or obtaining a higher degree (32% in 1997 compared with 40% in 1992) is "somewhat important" or "important." And only 12 percent (compared with 16% in 1992) of faculty respondents reported obtaining a position at a four-year college as a "somewhat important" or "important" professional development goal. Once again, the fact that nearly a third (30.5%) of respondents have held their



current position for more than 20 years may explain, in part, the decreased number of faculty respondents who rate obtaining higher rank, a higher degree, or a position outside the community college as a "somewhat important" or "important" goal. These goals tend to either be achieved or abandoned over time. (See Table 4.)

Respondents were asked to determine the likelihood of pursuing selected professional development activities if they were given the opportunity through funding, sabbatical or educational leave, or released time. Table 5 presents the professional development activities listed in the survey and respondents' "likelihood" of pursuing these activities, if given the opportunity. As in 1992, most respondents in 1997 indicated that they would be "likely" or "somewhat likely" to attend professional conferences, collegesponsored programs, non-credit courses, and formal colloquies or symposia, if time and

Table 5. % Of Respondents Indicating the Likelihood of Pursuing Various Activities if Given the

Opportunity, 1992 & 1997

Opportunity, 1992 & 1997	Unlikely/ Somewhat Unlikely	Some	ely/ what ely	Does Apj	:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
	<i>'92 '97</i>	<i>'92</i>	'97	92	'9 <i>7</i>
University credit courses	28 38	66	57	5	4
Non-credit courses	35 28	61	68	3	2
Professional conferences	6 4	92	96	1	0
College-sponsored programs	10 6	87	93	1	0
Internship or exchange in business/industry	48 52	36	33	16	14
Academic exchange	56 58	35	34	9	6
Research and scholarship	45 43	49	52	6	4
Formal colloquies or symposia	38 31	56	65	5	3
Summer institutes, workshops, etc.	26 32	67	64	4	3



funds permitted. In fact, more respondents indicated an interest in each of these activities in 1997 than in 1992, which is consistent with the increased number of faculty stating they have recently participated in these activities (See Table 5). Also noteworthy is the indication throughout the survey that university credit courses are less appealing as a professional development option than they were five years ago; non-credit courses and less formal and/or time intensive options seem to be the current preference.

Table 6. Percent of Respondents Rating the Effectiveness of Various Activities for Keeping Up-to-

date and/or Improving Performance

	Some	ctive/ ewhat ective	Some	ctive/ what ctive	Have purs	***************************************
	<i>'92</i>	<i>'97</i>	<i>'92</i>	'97	'92	'97
University credit courses	19	20	64	60	15	19
Non-credit courses	18	13	60	68	21	18
Professional conferences	6	5	90	93	3	2
College-sponsored programs	22	15	7 0	82	6	2
Internship or exchange in business/industry	9	8	36	34	53	57
Research and scholarship	13	11	54	58	32	30
Site visits	10	8	65	67	24	23
Formal colloquies or symposia with colleagues	13	-11	60	69	24	19
Informal conversations with colleagues			00	0.0		
Professional journals	9	7	89	90	2	1
	6	6	91	90	2	3
Professional committee or task force work	25	25	59	63	15	10
Teleconferences	-00	50	AE	4.0	77	74
Computer networks	22	28	45	46	32	24
•	18	15	33	64	47	19



In keeping with findings of the earlier study, conferences, informal conversation with colleagues, professional journals, and college-sponsored programs were reported as most effective for keeping faculty up-to-date with new developments and for improving their professional performance; 93 percent of respondents found conferences to be "somewhat effective" or "effective" (See Table 6). More respondents in 1997 rated non-credit courses (68% in 1997; 60% in 1992), college-sponsored programs (82% in 1997; 70% in 1992), formal colloquies or symposia with colleagues (69% in 1997; 60% in 1992), and computer networks (64% in 1997; 33% in 1992) as effective for keeping them up-to-date and improving their performance. Clearly, advances in the VCCS infrastructure and increasing demands to utilize technology for instruction explain the fact that nearly twice as many respondents cited computer networks as an effective professional development resource. And even these numbers may understate the impact of technology, given the fact that the two largest colleges in the VCCS had the least computing capability at faculty desktops until late 1997.

Over three-fourths (76.6%) of all respondents reported that the administration at their institutions either "mildly" or "strongly" encourages professional development, an increase of nearly 10 percent over the 1992 study in which only 67.1 percent of respondents reported that their institutions encouraged professional development. Clearly, the well-focused and well-funded commitment to professional development demonstrated by the VCCS Professional Development Initiative has positively affected the commitment to professional development at the college level.

More than half (58 %) of respondents (compared with 43% in 1992) "strongly" or "mildly" agreed that sufficient opportunities for professional development are made



available by their institution. All other aspects of institutional environment addressed in the survey, such as morale, collegiality, and intellectual environment, remained relatively unchanged in terms of participant responses. (See Table 7.)

Table 7. Percent of Respondents Rating Various Aspects of Institutional Environment, 1992 & 1997

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	'92	97	<i>'92</i>	<i>'97</i>	192	'97
Morale in this institution is generally high	46	48	50	48	3	2
There is a sense of community here	33	38	64	58	2	1
Professionals here respect each other	19	20	78	76	2	2
There is a sense of collegiality here	29	29	66	66	3	2
Efforts to try new approaches to meet job demands are generally supported	29	28	63	66	7	3
Faculty & administration are typically at odds	52	47	40	45	6	5
An intellectual environment exists here	34	30	62	65	3	3
Sufficient opportunities for professional development are made available	50	37	43	58	6	2
Professionals here are appreciated by supervisors for doing their jobs well	30	31	66	64	3	2

In rating the adequacy of financial support made available by colleges for selected professional development activities, 71 percent of respondents (15% answered "does not apply") indicated that their college provides "adequate" or "somewhat adequate" training in computer skills, a 31% increase over the 1992 response. Similarly, 45 percent rated funding for retraining for fields significantly affected by rapidly changing technology to be "adequate" or "somewhat adequate," compared to 28 percent in 1992. It would appear



that college administrators have recognized and are responding to the increased need for faculty professional development in technology-specific areas. (See Table 8.)

More 1997 respondents reported satisfaction with funding provided by their colleges for tuition reimbursement, sabbaticals, educational leave, released time, flexible scheduling to accommodate individual professional development activities, and professional association membership fees. Nonetheless, faculty still indicated some funding inadequacies in each listed activity, which is to be expected given that funds are, and, unfortunately, are likely always to be, limited.

Table 8. Percent of Respondents Rating the Adequacy of Their Institution's Financial Support for Various Activities, 1992 & 1997

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	192	'97	<i>'92</i>	'97	192	'97
Tuition reimbursement	40	39	44	47	13	10
Sabbaticals	49	40	19	32	29	24
Educational leave	45	37	32	39	20	20
Released time	49	45	34	42	14	9
Flexible scheduling to accommodate individual professional development activities	34	30	53	61	10	5
Professional association memberships (fees)	61	65	20	24	15	9
Registration fees for professional meetings	36	41	54	54	7	2
Travel expenses for professional meetings	40	45	50	50	8	2
Retraining for fields significantly affected by rapidly changing technology	44	39	28	45	24	12
Training in computer skills	39	23	40	71	17	15



Of significance is the fact that a greater percentage of 1997 respondents rated their institutions' financial support for all but two professional development activities listed to be "adequate" or "somewhat adequate," and for those two activities, registration fees and travel expenses, the percentages remained the same. (See Table 8.)

Participation in system sponsored professional development activities has consistently increased since 1993, the year in which many of these activities, including research grants, peer group conferences, technology skills certification, and individual development plans, were initiated. 731 respondents (34.2%) reported having participated in a peer group conference in 1996, more than twice the number (n = 354) reported in

Table 9. Participation, By Year, In Various Professional Development Activities

	1993	199	94	1995	15	996	1997
	n %	n	%	n %	n	%	n %
VCCS Research Grant	43 2.0	72	3.4	109 5.1	103	4.8	105 4.9
Peer Group Conference(s)	354 16.6	505	23.6	700 32.7	731	34.2	568 26.6
Local teleconference	166 7.8	261	12.2	432 20.2	525	24.6	391 18.3
Instructional or Adminis- trative Leaders Seminar	96 4.5	97	4.5	143 6.7	161	7.5	128 6.0
New Horizons Conference	185 8.7	242	11.3	295 13.8	331	15.5	359 16.8
VCCS Technology Skills Certification Program	7 .3	10	.5	16 .7	130	6.1	177 8.3
Individual Development Plan	205 9.6	299	14.0	446 20,9	584	27.3	568 26.6

Note: Respondents were instructed to leave blank if they had not participated in the activity.

1993 (1997 data is incomplete because the survey was administered in September of 1997). Likewise, reported participation in research grants, teleconferences, New Horizons, technology skills certification, and individual development planning doubled or



tripled from 1993 to 1996 (see Table 9). Actual numbers of participants in these activities, available from the VCCS Professional Development Director's office, confirm large increases in the number of participants in VCCS sponsored activities over the five-year period.

As is shown in Table 10, the perceived effectiveness of professional development offerings made available through the VCCS Professional Development Initiative varies from activity to activity, with the majority of respondents (n = 1,250) rating peer group conferences as "effective" or "somewhat effective." Only 424 respondents reported not having pursued peer group conferences, the lowest number for any activity listed in the survey; this supports previous findings indicating greater participation in professional conferences than in any other professional development activity.

Table 10. Effectiveness of VCCS Professional Development Offerings

	Ineffective/ Somewhat Ineffective	Some	ctive/ what ctive	Have Not Pursued
	n %	n	%	n %
VCCS Research Grant award recipient	152 7.2	363	17.0	1,195 55.9
Peer Group Conference(s) in my discipline	176 8:3	1,250	58.4	424 19.8
Teleconference on campus or in region	354 16.5	763	35.7	660 30.9
Instructional or Administrative Leaders Seminar	120 5.7	443	20.7	1,091 51,0
New Horizons Conference	111 5.2	733	34.3	880 41.2
VCCS Technology Skills Certification	108 5.1	280	13.1	1,224 57.2
Individual Development Plan	237 11.1	789	36.9	694 32.5

The majority of respondents rated each VCCS sponsored activity in which they had participated as "effective" or "somewhat effective." Actual ratings of "somewhat



ineffective" or "ineffective" for listed activities were remarkably low, with the exception of teleconferences, which were rated by 354 respondents (16.5%) as "somewhat ineffective" or "ineffective." Even so, 763 respondents (35.7%) rated teleconferences as "somewhat effective" or "effective." (See Table 10.)

In an effort to identify the long-term, direct and indirect benefits realized as a result of involvement in various VCCS professional development activities, faculty were asked to indicate specific outcomes of each activity in which they had participated. With the exception, again, of teleconferences (324 attributed no benefit to participation in teleconferences), relatively few respondents reported no direct, long-term benefit from participation in VCCS professional development activities.

Table 11. Long-term, Direct or Indirect Benefits Realized as a Result of Involvement in VCCS

Professional Development Activities

	Improved Classroom Instruction	Professional Reinvigora- tion		Reinvigora- Student		No Benefit		Other	
	л %	n	%	7	%	n	%	n	%
VCCS Research Grant	236 11.0	220	10.3	193	9.0	96	4.5	85	4.0
Peer Group Conference(s)	646 30.2	1,111	52.0	521	24.4	123	5.8	48	2.2
Local teleconference	196 9.2	480	22.5	183	8.6	324	15.2	53	2.5
Instructional or Administrative Leaders Seminar	144 6.7	388	18.1	116	5.4	107	5.0	56	2.6
New Horizons Conference	337 15.8	614	28.7	286	13.4	109	5.1	55	2.6
VCCS Technology Skills Certification Program	112 5.2	167	7.8	79	3.7	134	6.3	65	3.0
Individual Development Plan	335 15.7	543	25.4	249	11.6	199	9.3	63	2.9

Note: Respondents were instructed to leave blank if they had not participated in the activity.



More than half (n = 1,111) of the respondents reported professional reinvigoration and renewal as a direct outcome of participating in peer group conferences, and 646 (30.2%) cited improved classroom instruction and 521 (24.4%) indicated enhanced student learning as a benefit of peer group participation. Also, a number of respondents reported direct benefits in the form of professional reinvigoration, improved teaching/learning, and other positive outcomes as a result of participation in research grants, instructional and administrative leaders seminars, the New Horizons conference, the technology skills certification program, individual development planning, and even teleconferences. Other positive outcomes cited by respondents as resulting from participation in these activities included increased discipline knowledge, increased skill levels, and personal improvement. (See Table 11.)

Overall, survey findings strongly indicate that significant long-term benefits have resulted from faculty participation in various activities made possible through the implementation and continuation of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative. The overwhelming majority (81.2%) of faculty respondents said they believe the VCCS Professional Development Initiative has been successful in providing greater support for professional development throughout the twenty-three colleges in the Virginia Community College System.

Peer Group Conferences

Since 1993, 1,803 full-time faculty and 91 adjunct faculty have participated in peer group conferences. Peer group conferences were established as a component of the VCCS

Due to multiple meeting attendance of participants, these numbers are not unduplicated.



Professional Development Initiative in an effort to address the problem of professional isolation identified in early studies. Intended to encourage intra-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary collaboration and problem-solving in the VCCS, each peer group, typically comprised of faculty from a single discipline, or, in some cases, related disciplines, meets every other year (with full funding) or every year (with partial funding) to discuss curriculum revision, integration of technology, instructional innovations, discipline updates, and other substantive issues. The typically two-day conferences are planned and facilitated by a planning committee made up of representatives from the peer group. The agenda is developed by peer group members, not administrators from colleges or the System Office.

In a recent review of participant reactions to peer group conferences, Black (1997) found that participants from a wide range of disciplines rated the meetings "good" or "excellent" for providing the opportunity for personal renewal, enhancement of professional effectiveness, and interaction among colleagues. The meetings were also rated high in their usefulness for update and innovation. The present study, in part, confirms these findings; faculty from various disciplines expounded on the usefulness of peer group conferences for establishing collegial networks and for gathering information and ideas; however, focus groups revealed that these are intermediate, not primary, gains. Primary gains occur by way of direct application of techniques, products and information in the classroom.

Each of five focus groups comprised of faculty from engineering technologies, business technologies, allied health, natural and physical sciences, and arts and humanities cited specific classroom applications resulting from participation in peer group



conferences. A physics professor discovered a new and engaging way to demonstrate diffusion to his students, business and other faculty were introduced to software that they subsequently adopted for classroom use, and H/VAC instructors learned about a new refrigerant that will replace the old standard and passed this on to their students whose textbooks had not yet caught up with industry change. Many faculty derived immediate benefit from adopting or modifying assignments, course outlines and other teaching materials picked up at peer group meetings, then implementing the materials in their classes. As one focus group participant stated:

I pick up something from every session I go to. It might be a collaborative learning technique; it might be ideas about assignments or approaches that have worked well . . . I have changed my textbook because of a discussion of textbooks. I have probably found four or five videos that were discussed at conferences that I now use in class. I learned how to use basic WordPerfect to achieve some of the learning goals of freshman composition . . . With almost every session, I've come back with one or two things to try.

Much of the enthusiasm about peer group conferences that was conveyed in the focus groups seemed to result from the practical and immediate benefit of being able to obtain useful and usable information, ideas, and materials to implement in the classroom.

Focus group participants shared stories about how connections made with colleagues, outside presenters, vendors, and industry representatives had resulted in direct student gains. Faculty contacts with industry representatives have, according to focus group participants, resulted in donated equipment to college programs, new internships, and even jobs for students. One faculty member said that she met a person at a peer group



American History club. Another learned about field trip opportunities for her students.

And participants cited everything from presentation software modules to Internet resources to distance education courses as technology-specific finds that they brought directly back to the classroom.

A fellow from NVCC talked about how he had offered his physics class through distance learning. After the meeting I talked to him about it, and I was able to do it this summer. Basically, he just sent me his materials, and I just did a little bit of changing to make it fit my situation here as far as the lab and this time frame for the summer and just did it without having to go back and re-invent the wheel, and it worked fine. That was a great opportunity to get something that somebody else had done all the hard work for and gone through all the development, and it was ready to go, and he said, "Sure, you can use it. I'll just send it over."

Often expressed as "networking," focus group participants cited the interaction and connections with colleagues and others attending the peer group meetings as a benefit; however, further discussion revealed that the interaction and connections, in most cases, served the more fundamental purpose of contributing to enhancements in teaching and learning.

Focus groups repeated in a variety of ways the invaluable experience of getting together with peers to share ideas, concerns and methods for resolving curricular problems:

I met someone from PHCC, and since our meeting she and I have compared notes numerous times on different aspects of our curriculum, such as keyboarding and



the speeds and what we're each requiring in our classes, and certainly I think that
the most valuable part of these meetings is to be able to compare what we're doing
and what is working and what isn't working with those who are teaching similar
subjects.

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I'm in a very small college, and I'm the only full-time science professor at that college, so it's extremely valuable to me to talk with other colleagues in the same discipline.

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It's been very helpful . . . to discuss the organizations that we sponsor, such as Collegiate Secretaries International. We get some new and fresh ideas, not just about curriculum, but in other ways that we support our students.

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The sharing between colleagues is an excellent way to begin something new in your field, to meet new people in your discipline, to meet people who have more experience than you have, to meet people who have had similar problems and who have solved them.

Comparing peer group conferences to other professional conferences attended, the humanities focus group agreed that the former are more practical—"It's just the atmosphere that helps so much in terms of taking it back to the students because our focus in so student oriented from the start." Community college faculty are well known for their strong commitment to teaching and to their students; therefore, it is not surprising that peer group conferences have proven to be such a popular and valuable component of the



VCCS Professional Development Initiative. As one focus group participant stated, "When I'm at these meetings and I get input, I usually get it because I'm considering making changes in the classroom... It comes back to the whole area of assessment and making improvements in the classroom and in student learning... We are trying continually, I think, to look at what we do and make those improvements."

Without exception, focus group participants expressed strong support for the continuation of peer group conferences. In general, they found the meetings to be well planned and well implemented. Many expressed satisfaction with the interdisciplinary meeting approach, for example, all the natural science faculty meeting together rather than separating out biology, chemistry, etc. Most participants said they like the general meeting format of keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, and unstructured time to assimilate new ideas; however, preferences varied by discipline to some extent. As might be expected, business technologies faculty found software demonstrations to be indispensable, humanities faculty valued roundtable discussions, and engineering technologies faculty were stimulated by industry updates and exhibits.

Despite general satisfaction with the content and delivery of peer group conferences, suggestions for improvement were offered, with the consensus being that funding should be provided for annual meetings in every discipline cluster, with inbetween meetings—perhaps sponsored by the colleges or the new Teaching Excellence regional centers—made possible through technology (computer conferencing, electronic mail, network conferencing, etc.). Many believed that these brief, electronically delivered, in-between meetings would stimulate more involvement of both full-time faculty and adjunct faculty who, in many cases, will not travel to the longer annual or bi-annual



conferences because of lost class time. Several peer groups have scheduled weekend meetings to minimize missed classes; however, lost class time remained a primary concern among participants.

We cannot afford to lose, as far as continuity is concerned, even one or two days of class. I find it very difficult sometimes to get away for such meetings.

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I think that one of the best things about the [conference] in Roanoke was that it was on the weekend. That is, although we hate to give up weekend time, that's about all the time we have. Missing a couple of classes is hard to do. It's not easy to miss classes because you have to make up the work or figure some other way to cover the material. Even if the money is taken care of, the time is not; you know, there's only so much time . . .

Focus group participants expressed the need to receive more advanced notice (at least a semester in advance) about upcoming peer group meetings in order to appropriately plan and accommodate their class schedules and the working schedules of adjunct faculty.

They suggested the distribution of preliminary fliers or announcements listing dates only (information about lodging and even location, which takes longer to finalize, need not be cited) for the next semester's or the next year's peer group conferences.

The focus group consensus was that due to their increasingly important contributions to the overall delivery and quality of community college instruction, adjunct faculty participation in all peer group conferences should be encouraged and increased.
"[Adjunct faculty] represent such a large percentage now of the faculty of the VCCS, and I think the peer conferences is one of the few things that we do that supports and enhances



their interaction with full-time faculty and gives them the chance not only to meet other faculty members but to participate in the conference programs." Several focus group participants said they had gotten to know adjunct faculty from their own campuses for the first time at a peer group conference. "Our schedules are different, they're in different buildings, and they're mostly here at night. It's ironic, but we don't even get to meet our part-timers here at the school until we go to a meeting with them."

Other suggestions for improvement included inviting employers to talk about the knowledge and skills they expect of community college graduates and inviting university representatives to talk about articulation and transfer issues. Some participants believed site visits, either of other campuses or businesses and industries, would be beneficial; it was even suggested that the conferences be held on different college campuses. In addition, offering more hands-on workshops and demonstrations was cited as a desired change, as was more structured conference time (through roundtables, working lunches, etc.) for colleagues to discuss how to assimilate and apply new knowledge and techniques to classroom instruction. Student representation on peer group planning committees and/or planned programs was also suggested.

In general, focus group findings support survey findings; both suggest that peer group conferences are highly desirable and highly effective for faculty professional development. To cite one focus group participant:

I think [peer group conferences] are one of the most important things we've done in the area of professional development. It gives faculty the opportunity to come together and share thoughts from across the system, to pick up ideas and good practices from other schools. It's a relatively inexpensive way to allow faculty to



share those thoughts and ideas, and I particularly like the idea that we've opened it up to some adjunct faculty. So I would rate it a number 10 on a 10-point scale. I think they are great. I would hope that we continue to do [peer group conferences].

According to the findings of this study, peer group conferences are wanted and needed by VCCS faculty, so the continuation and growth of this program component is essential.

Research Grants

Findings of the 1993 study of professional development in the VCCS were consistent with national data suggesting that community college faculty spend relatively little time conducting research (Sydow, p. 34). Teaching has long stood as the primary mission of the community college, which explains, at least in part, the extremely strong commitment to teaching and the comparatively weak commitment to research typically expressed by community college faculty. Unfortunately, the perception seems to be that teaching precludes research (Seidman, 1985; Block, 1991; Vaughan, 1991; Palmer, 1991; Palmer & Vaughan, 1992; Vaughan, 1997), a perception that not only threatens ongoing pedagogical development but also hinders community college faculty from disseminating, through scholarship and publication, their huge intellectual capital. To provide incentive and encouragement for scholarship, research grants were established as a component of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative, and more than 350 grants totaling nearly \$1 million have been awarded since 1994. By generously financing faculty research efforts, the VCCS has invested in the knowledge and expertise of its professoriate, and this investment has, to date, yielded significant gains.



Of the 326 funded research proposals reviewed for the current study, the majority (57%) were submitted for the purpose of instructional development, i.e., to assist teaching faculty in developing more effective pedagogical philosophies, approaches, and techniques to better facilitate student learning. Grant projects identified in the instructional development category most often resulted in course and program design or revision. The majority of these projects involved the use of technology to enhance course content or to facilitate course delivery. For example, one project provided for an electronic exchange, enabling faculty and students at Tidewater Community College to actively exchange cultural, educational, and technological ideas with students at Baltic States Technical University in St. Petersburg, Russia. Another project involved utilization of CD-ROM technology to develop a self-paced, interactive learning module for workforce training. Another resulted in the development of interactive tutorial software to strengthen the spelling, reading, listening, and writing skills of learning disabled Spanish students. And telecourses were developed in nearly every discipline represented, including history, psychology, mathematics, science, English, business, and foreign language. From the actual set-up of a dial-in/Internet computerized communication center (virtual classroom) to the establishment of a computer laboratory for tutoring U. S. citizenship applicants to the development of a new degree program (Microcomputer Support Specialist), grant projects related to instructional development have resulted in clear and obvious curricular improvements.

It is easy to see that conducting research to determine the need for and to fund the development of new or enhanced curriculums is important for colleges and the students and communities they serve. Community colleges strive to respond quickly to changing



economic and social conditions that affect the education and training needs of their communities, so grant-supported course and program development is naturally beneficial—every stakeholder wins. Colleges offer an up-to-date curriculum that attracts students, students gain the knowledge and skills needed to be competitive, and communities maintain a well educated and well trained citizenry.

Many less obvious benefits have also been realized, however, through grant-funded research in the area of instructional development. The development of telecourses and network courses, for example, has brought about increased student access to education as well as cost savings for the institution. An Ultrasound Physics (DMS 205) course developed for network delivery by professors working at opposite ends of the state has resulted in the course being available to students at both colleges but requiring only one instructor (and salary) for delivery. Commonwealth (compressed video networked) classrooms—now operational at each campus—have enabled more and more shared courses like DMS 205 to be developed and delivered among the 23 colleges. And the development of typically low-enrolled courses, such as Calculus II and Law Enforcement Psychology, into telecourses that are readily available to those who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes, has generally resulted in increased access for students and increased enrollment for colleges.

Not all instructional development grant projects involved technology. Several projects involved the development of inter-disciplinary courses, such as a weight management course that integrated nutrition, exercise, and behavior modification. Some resulted in new course modules in everything from service learning to regional folklore. Some projects simply enabled faculty to experiment with new pedagogical techniques.



For example, an automotive technology instructor developed a comprehensive model for teaching complex automotive electronic fundamentals. And some projects involved classroom research, including a quantitative study of the impact of multi-media instruction on criminal justice learning. The instructional development projects reviewed for this study —both technology and non-technology based—effectively engaged faculty in serious, straightforward pedagogical and curriculum development that ultimately benefited students.

The aim of discipline development, which comprised 21 percent of funded proposals, is to build the knowledge and skills of faculty within their professional specialty or academic discipline. As would be expected, the projects identified as falling under this professional development category tended to be more strictly research based, i.e., they sought to discover new knowledge and tended to be replicable. The distinction between research and scholarship is an important one and should be noted here, for despite the name, the VCCS research grants are intended to support all scholarship, not only research in its strictest form. Scholarship is defined broadly to be the "umbrella under which research falls" and is intended to include any rational inquiry that involves critical analysis and "results in a product that is shared with others and that is subject to the criticism of individuals qualified to judge the product" (Vaughan, 1997, p. 10). So even though a number of funded grant projects involved empirical research—primarily those identified under discipline development—most projects had as their goal a product other than new knowledge intended for publication.

Three projects that represent the type and caliber of research grants funded for discipline development include (1) a long-term biogeochemical investigation to establish



baseline data to document and measure the decline of Eleutherodactylus and Bufo (frog) populations in Bermuda; (2) an archeological project that involved surface collection, remote sensing, and archival research conducted to locate and map prehistoric and historical sites of the Flourance tract of the original Chattertown Land Grant; and (3) a study of neotropical migrant birds that use Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge—the birds were captured, sexed, banded, and released to monitor avian populations. In keeping with the community college focus on student learning, students actively participated in each of these projects, giving them invaluable scientific field experience. The researchers reported additional student gains, such as cross-cultural training in the case of students who worked with the biologist in Bermuda, and employment opportunities both for students who assisted with monitoring the frog populations in Bermuda and for those who helped to monitor avian populations at the wildlife refuge. Researchers also reported less tangible gains such as the enthusiasm and excitement experienced by faculty researchers and students working and learning together. It was reported that several faculty and students continued the research even after the grant period ended.

Projects that were awarded continuation grants (multiple grants over time in support of a single project), as was the case with the discipline development grants discussed in the preceding paragraph, tended to be successful and to yield many positive outcomes, which suggests the importance of ongoing support for longitudinal projects. Another observation is that several successful VCCS grants were supplemented by other grants, such as Title III and National Science Foundation funds. In some cases, VCCS grant funds provided seed money for complex, long-term projects.



Projects emphasizing organizational development (21%) typically seek to integrate professional and institutional development; the purpose of these projects is to enhance administrative and leadership skills to bring about mutually beneficial outcomes for faculty and the college. Notable projects in the category of organizational development include the testing and norming of a general education assessment instrument (STAGE) that has now been adopted for use at six colleges, the inquiry into student performance in telecourses that led to measurable improvements in telecourse delivery, the study of student retention that resulted in a "soft entry" process for admitting at-risk students, and the establishment of a training program for English peer tutors. Several projects in categories other than organizational development initiated or expanded existing college programs in areas such as international education, workforce development, and distance education. Each of these projects addressed a college need, and each had as an outcome direct or indirect benefits for students.

Two organizational development projects that were especially innovative and farreaching were an ArtReach project and a Text and Community project. The former joined
art students with professional artists to bring art instruction to at-risk members of the
community in a program that sought to raise self-esteem through self-expression.

Working at a shelter for abused women and at a city alternative school, students and
faculty together engaged in a team-teaching effort of sorts, which, in addition to benefiting
community members, also gave participating art students invaluable lab and human service
experience. The Text and Community project called "A Nation of Women," sought to
create a shared reading experience for the student body, faculty and staff, and the local
community, and to raise consciousness about minority issues and cultural pluralism—the



shared text was The Joy Luck Club. The actual outcomes of the project extended beyond intended outcomes. The project resulted in meaningful interaction among students and departments on campus; for example, one student produced a painting based on an interpretation of the book, and the painting was later purchased and placed on permanent display at the college. Photography students got involved in a photo contest that was part of the project, and even students from interior design, biology, math, English, and other classes participated. These two projects demonstrate the extent and magnitude of positive outcomes to students, faculty, colleges and communities that have resulted from VCCS research grants.

Only 1 percent of all funded research grants were identified as career development projects, that is, projects focused on providing faculty assistance with personal planning to improve the quality of work and life. Personal planning might be in the area of a new research interest, sabbatical leave, retirement, a career change, etc. One funded project enabled a faculty member, in his role as an Earthwatch volunteer, to be involved in the excavation and field preservation of Columbian and woolly mammoths in Hot Springs, South Dakota. He took slide photographs, kept a log to describe each slide, kept records of site findings and notes from scientists' lectures, and participated in field trips to additional sites in Nebraska. The faculty researcher reported that in addition to enhancing his knowledge and skills for career purposes, his students benefited from having a geology instructor who was freshly familiar with the excavation process and who possessed new and up-to-date course materials and slides. Similarly, an instructor who received a career development research grant to conduct on-site studies of Italian masterpieces reported not only working at her own art at a higher level but also seeing students benefit from a



teaching resource package she developed (slides, art references, technical lab notes, reference sketches, etc.) and from having an instructor fresh in the field of Italian art and its influences. Both of these faculty members cited rejuvenation as an important outcome of their projects, and both said their students benefited from this rejuvenation.

Nearly every grant recipient in every category—instructional, discipline, organizational, and career—cited professional rejuvenation as a benefit of having completed their research project. The notion that students benefit from having instructors who are professionally "reinvigorated," "renewed," "enthusiastic," or "fresh," to use the words of the faculty, is well established in this study. Although it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to establish through empirical research a direct and conclusive causal link between faculty rejuvenation and student learning, experiential data and common sense suggest that an instructor who brings excitement and enthusiasm to the classroom is going to inspire more learning than one who does not. Self-reports from faculty certainly support a connection between rejuvenation and student learning.

The [research grant] experience was rejuvenating in a professional and personal sense. It helped me to get a fresh look at my work and myself. I have been able to apply the knowledge directly into the laboratory portion of courses I teach and will be able to do more in other courses I teach.

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Everyone benefits by having a faculty member who has been refreshed and inspired by such a professional development opportunity.

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My research has generated a buzz of excitement . . . The benefits to my professional development and to my students exceeded my expectations.

Regardless of the development category assigned, and despite the almost limitless variety of projects undertaken, a commonly reported outcome of each was skills and knowledge enhancement for both faculty and students. Even grants intended to assist faculty in the development of areas other than instruction ultimately resulted in reported benefits to students.

Despite the plethora of well documented and, in many cases, well publicized achievements made possible by research grants, not all grant projects were successful. Several grant recipients were unable to complete their projects due to miscalculations about time to completion, insufficient preliminary research necessary for project implementation, inadequate technology and/or technical support, etc. Many of the technology-related problems have been resolved over the past two years as a result of dramatic improvements in the information infrastructure across the system, as well as specific guidelines and requirements set forth by the VCCS to ensure consistently high technological capability among the 23 colleges.

Other problems remain to be solved, particularly in three areas: participation in the research grant program, support for project conceptualization and completion, and production and dissemination of final reports. Relatively few faculty in the VCCS have submitted grant proposals, and applications are uneven across colleges, so an effort to encourage broad-based faculty application, particularly in targeted areas (topics or projects identified as directly relevant to systemwide problems or needs) is needed.



The study also revealed that several recipients lacked adequate information or support to complete their proposed projects, and, consequently, the projects were either aborted, or they were unsuccessful. Lack of information about multi-media copyright laws, lack of awareness of the time and money involved in multi-media production, and hardware and software incompatibility are a few of the problems commonly cited by recipients who did not successfully complete proposed projects involving technology. In many cases, these problems might have been averted through stronger, more direct support, particularly at the conceptualization stage of proposal development.

Finally, some recipients expressed frustration related to the production and dissemination of their final reports. It was suggested that better guidelines needed to be established for report writing. Some had no idea what happened to their final reports, questioning whether or not anyone actually read their written results. Several stated that if the reports were not to be used for timely dissemination of research findings, then perhaps the final reports were altogether unnecessary. Revised guidelines or directions for writing the final report might best be undertaken by previous grant recipients who submitted effective reports. As for dissemination of research findings, a structured plan is needed to achieve this important outcome.

Overall, this study revealed that the research grant component of the VCCS

Professional Development Initiative has been successful in achieving its stated goal, to
support and encourage research and scholarship among faculty. In fact, it has far
surpassed that goal, as is evident from the many reported outcomes of faculty, student,
college, and systemwide gains resulting from grant participation. These gains include, but
are far from limited to, increased curriculum improvements, increased subject knowledge



and skills for instructors and students, collaboration among colleagues, improved student interest, as well as new materials for the classroom. Nonetheless, attention needs to be given to addressing identified weaknesses in grant procedures and processes that are either limiting grant participation or hindering successful grant completion.

Recommendations

Research findings suggest that conferences, workshops, seminars and other short-term, focused meetings are widely preferred by faculty for professional development; therefore, VCCS peer group conferences should be continued and expanded. The expansion need not involve additional monetary investment if existing computer networking and conferencing equipment is used to facilitate more frequent meetings. The addition of coordinated, electronically mediated discipline meetings should supplement, not supplant, face-to-face peer group conferences. Likewise, the regional Teaching Excellence Centers recently added as a component of the Initiative can supplement peer group meetings by sponsoring regional conferences. All sponsored conferences or professional meetings, whether statewide peer group conferences, electronically mediated meetings, or regional meetings should be sensitive to the time constraints of faculty. And all should invite and encourage the participation of all full-time and part-time faculty. Further, faculty should receive notice of planned meetings at least one semester in advance in order to accommodate their teaching schedules.

In terms of meeting content, research findings suggest an increased need for technology training in every discipline, but findings further suggest that training needs are being adequately addressed through the annual New Horizons conference (focus is on



technology), college-sponsored technology training programs, peer group conferences, and other funded meetings and workshops. In general, planning groups for conferences and meetings are largely comprised of faculty representatives from the different VCCS colleges; therefore, meeting content is determined by faculty preferences and needs. It is recommended that faculty representing the varying circumstances and needs (including needs specific to faculty career stage) of VCCS colleges continue to serve on planning committees, thereby playing a key role in determining meeting content. Undoubtedly, technology-related issues and skills will continue, for the foreseeable future, to be priority agenda items for general and discipline-specific meetings.

As was discussed in the previous section, findings suggest that greater encouragement and support for research grant participation is needed, as is a more effective means for disseminating and recognizing outstanding projects. In fact, better dissemination of information, ideas, and outcomes of each professional development program would, it is believed, serve to keep all constituents better apprised of program activities. And a comprehensive marketing strategy to internally promote each of the various VCCS professional development programs would serve to increase faculty awareness, interest and participation. It is therefore recommended that the VCCS professional development staff work to identify and implement specific strategies for addressing these needs.

The research techniques applied in this study were appropriate for achieving the objective, which was to evaluate the actual effects of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative. By utilizing quantitative (survey) and qualitative (focus groups, textual coding and analysis) methods, research findings were triangulated, yielding more valid and reliable



results. It is believed that these results could be further tested and supported through case study research, which should occur longitudinally across program components. Future studies should also apply focus group research to other program components, for this method proved extremely valuable to better understanding the multifarious effects of the peer group conference component of the Initiative. Quantitative research alone is simply insufficient to adequately capture the many effects of a complex professional development program like the VCCS Initiative. Finally, all future research studies, which should occur regularly for the ongoing improvement or cost/benefit assessment of each program component, must be carefully designed and implemented to measure learning gains for faculty and students brought about by the VCCS Professional Development Initiative.

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Conclusion

The primary objective of this study was to evaluate the actual effects of the VCCS

Professional Development Initiative and to determine the extent to which these effects
have addressed the documented professional development needs of faculty and the extent
to which these effects resulted in enhanced student learning. This objective was
accomplished. Results of the five-year follow-up survey and the qualitative research
techniques applied to peer group conferences and research grants revealed that the
professional development needs of faculty are largely being addressed through the VCCS
Professional Development Initiative, and student learning has been enhanced. More
faculty are now attending conferences or professional meetings—their professional activity
of choice—than in 1992 as a result of increased funding for this development activity,
particularly through peer group conferences and other VCCS sponsored workshops and



meetings. Peer group conferences have effectively addressed the problem of professional isolation, having brought faculty from every discipline together to address significant professional issues and to learn from each other. Research grants have supported and encouraged faculty scholarship in every major area of development. And both peer group conferences and research grants have provided faculty with sundry opportunities to keep abreast of the rapid technological changes affecting teaching and learning in every discipline and every academic program. Most importantly, research findings indicate that the VCCS Professional Development Initiative has succeeded remarkably well in enhancing student learning, which is its overarching goal. In the words of Chancellor Arnold R. Oliver who conceived and implemented the Initiative:

The goal of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative must be to enhance student learning, since that is what our enterprise is about. In order to achieve significant advancement in student learning, I believe that the heart and soul of our System—our faculty and staff—must have opportunities to grow and expand our vision of what we are and what we can become.

Through visionary leadership and significant investment at the system level, active support at the college level, and strong professional commitment at the faculty level, Virginia's community colleges and the students they serve have derived abundant and manifold benefits—both tangible and intangible, measurable and immeasurable—from the VCCS Professional Development Initiative.



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Peer Group Conference **Evaluation Summary**

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- 1. What were three highlights of the conference/meeting?
- Were you disappointed in any area of the conference/meeting? If yes, which area and 2. why?
- How do you think this peer group meeting will effect your institution, discipline or 3. specialty?
- 4. What three areas would you like included at the next meeting/conference?
- 5. Did this conference stimulate any ideas, changes, or improvements that you would like to implement upon return to your campus? If so, please describe your formative thoughts.

Please rate the following: (with 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest)

- 6. The overall conference
- 7. The workshops
- 8. The keynote presentations
- 9. The interactions among colleagues
- 10. The usefulness of conference for update and innovation
- 11. The opportunity of personal renewal
- 12. The potential to enhance professional effectiveness
- 13. The conference facilities/hotel staff
- 14. The conference location
- 15. The meals adequately prepared/selected
- 16. The most appropriate description of your position



APPENDIX 2

Moderator's Guide

lst .	Greet: "Good Morning/Afternoon"
2 nd	Introduction: "Welcome everyone. My name is; please feel free to call me by my first name."
3 rd	Purpose: "The purpose of today's focus group discussion is to give you the

- opportunity to share your thoughts regarding peer group conferences you have attended in your discipline. This activity is part of a comprehensive, five-year evaluation of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative that the chancellor has commissioned. Your responses are vital to us because they will help us to ensure that future peer group meetings offer meaningful programs that are responsive to your needs."
- 4th Procedure: 'For our discussion today, we have (#) participating. Since this discussion is being tape recorded for later transcription and analysis, I will need each participant to give your first name each time you answer."
- 5th Begin: "I would like to begin by asking you . . .
 - 1. In your opinion, what are some of the reasons for having peer group meetings as a component of the VCCS Professional Development Initiative?
 - 2. I want you to think of a peer group session that you liked because you had gained new knowledge or acquired a new technique to apply in the classroom. I would like for you to tell me what that knowledge or technique was and how you applied it in your teaching.
 - 3. Now, I want you to think of a speaker that you liked. What about the speaker or the speech did you like?
 - 4. So far, we have discussed many benefits you feel you have received from the Peer Group programs. Now I would like for you to share with me some of your ideas about ways we can expand VCCS professional development activities. In particular, what are some of the things we can do to ensure that the peer group meetings have a greater reach, impact and use?
 - 5. (Responses are summarized and participants are asked for further comments.)
 Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study."



VCCS FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH GRANTS

* * * Part I * * *

The Program

Faculty professional development is an essential requisite for faculty and student learning. To support faculty in this enterprise, awards for new and on-going professional development and research will be available to all full-time community college faculty in Virginia. Opportunities for research will include the following areas:

Discipline development - builds knowledge and skills within the academic discipline or professional specialty.

Instructional development - improves classroom teaching, learning, and assessment techniques.

Career development - provides tools for effective personal planning to improve the quality of work and life.

Organizational development - enhances administrative and leadership skills to fulfill the institutional mission of the community college.

A combination of reassigned time and grant award is possible dependent upon the quality, objectives, extent, and benefit of the proposed faculty research and professional development activity. Approximately 56% of the grant proposals received are funded.

Funding Available for 1996-97

Reassigned Time	Will Support Approximately	Total Allocation
\$500 per credit up to 6 credit hours)	120 credit hours of reassigned time	\$ 60,000
\$ 2,250 for summer stipend (Taxes & social security will be deducted from summer stipend.)	12	\$ 27,000

Reimbursement Awards	Will Support Approximately	Total Allocation
Monetary awards to support the objectives of your research (see proposal instructions #4 and #10).	60-80	\$ 113,000

Grant awards for reassigned time will be transferred to the college for adjunct replacement through the normal budget process. Faculty will receive the grant award in the form of reimbursement only through a college budget account established to fulfill the objectives of the research.



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The Procedure

Proposal for faculty grants address the following areas:

- 1. Purpose of research activity
- 2. Methodology
- 3. Benefit to you, students, discipline, college, VCCS, and the community
- 4. Collaboration with students, faculty, other colleges, business/industry or community organizations
- 5. Budget outline
- 6. Evaluation of project
- 7. Dissemination. Special consideration will be given to faculty who present the results of their research at national conferences

Proposals will be reviewed and ranked for scholarship, feasibility, and contributions to you, students, the discipline, the college, VCCS, and your community. Grants will be considered through a peer review process established by the VCCS Professional Development Committee, which is representative of faculty throughout Virginia and appointed by the Chancellor. Your name and college will appear only (do not include reference to either in the proposal) on the cover of the proposal to ensure anonymous review. Any applications received with identification of the applicant's name or college in the proposal will not be reviewed but will be returned with directions to remove identification. Faculty will coordinate reassigned time and grant specifics with their division chair/supervisor and dean.

Questions regarding the process can be addressed to Dr. Bernadette Black at 804/225-2290 or by electronic mail to SOBLACB @ VCCSCENT.BITNET or Fax 804/786-3787.

Deadlines

Deadlines will be the same every year. If due dates fall on a weekend, then the following Monday will serve as the due date.

Research Award Schedule

Application Deadlines*	Notification Dates	Effective Date**	Final Report & Reimbursement Deadlines***
February 15	March 30	Summer semester	November 15
April 15	May 30	Fall semester	March 15
September 15	October 30	Spring semester	August 15

Faculty Proposals need to be received by 5:00 p.m. on deadline date. No exceptions.

Faculty will coordinate reassigned time with their division chair and dean. One proposal per faculty member will be considered in a review cycle.

Evaluation of results and documentation of expenditures will be required by the deadline date.

Additional proposal packets are available through college deans and provosts.



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VCCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INSTRUCTIONS

Cover Page Instructions

Title. Succinctly describe your grant project.

Primary Author. Identify the one full-time faculty member, inclusive of administrators, librarians, counselors, and teaching faculty who will serve as the point of contact for correspondence and be responsible for the grant objectives, the budget, and the final report. This is the only person who will receive notification about grant specifics. This is the only place where your name and college should appear to ensure the anonymous peer-review process. Any applications received with identification of the applicant's name or college in the proposal will not be reviewed but will be returned with directions to remove identification. Please indicate your full title with either Dr., Mr., or Ms.

Faculty Co-applicants. If other individuals are to collaborate on your research grant, please provide their name(s) and feel free to add additional names on a separate sheet if more space is needed. This is the only place where their names and colleges should appear. Adjunct faculty and classified staff may serve as co-applicants but cannot at this time be designated as primary authors.

Faculty Signature(s) and Dates. Read the agreement, sign and date your proposal.

<u>Signatures of College Administrators</u>. Before endorsement, your college administrators need to review the budget section of your research grant proposal to consider the estimated college contribution. Signatures are required from your division or unit supervisor, provost or dean, and your college president. Their signatures will indicate their support of your research proposal.



Proposal Instructions

The following information forms the body of your proposal and will be submitted to the Research Grant Subcommittee for anonymous peer review.

- 1. <u>Title of Proposal</u>. Repeat same title from the cover page of your proposal.
- 2. <u>Abstract</u>. Write a brief abstract or summary of your proposal in 50 words or less. Highlight the purpose of your grant activities and its potential benefits.
- 3. a) Have you received a VCCS research grant before? Answer yes or no.

 (If yes, specify semester and year in which you received a VCCS research grant. Also, any overdue final reports must be submitted before a subsequent grant award can be made.)
 - b) Some faculty have research projects that extend into the next semester. Answer "yes" if this proposal builds on your last VCCS research grant award and "no" if it is a new proposal. Continuation Proposals must include a status report to enable reviewers to evaluate proposals and continuation of funds. The proposal will be rejected without this item.
 - c) If you have another source of grant funding either from inside or outside the college, please indicate so here. If "yes" be specific in your budget section about how this grant award will supplement and enhance existing grant funding.
- 4. <u>Proposal Request.</u>
 - a) Reassigned Time: Select only one of these items.
 - (I) <u>For Fall/Spring submission:</u> Indicate the number of semester hours for reassigned time that you are requesting. State the total amount in the space provided by multiplying the requested hours by \$500. This amount will be sent to your college to reimburse an adjunct faculty member.
 - (II) For Summer submission: A stipend will only be awarded in this session since reassigned time is not possible. The stipend amount of \$2250 will be awarded minus taxes and social security.
 - b) Grant Award: If you are requesting a monitory grant, use a check mark to indicate the appropriate category of low, medium, or high award. Monitory awards can be used to fulfill the objectives of your research. The amount requested should exactly match the amount listed under the budget section of the proposal. Do not include the amount indicated in 4a.
 - c) In the blank provided, indicate the total amount of your proposal request. The total proposal request is obtained by totaling the dollar amount of reassigned time and the dollar amount of the monitory grant award.



- 5. Proposal Submission. Use a check mark to indicate the semester for which your grant application is being made. In the blank next to the semester, enter the appropriate year. Use a check mark to indicate the type of grant for which application is being made. See VCCS Professional Development Initiative materials for definitions of discipline, instructional, organizational, and career development. Each faculty member will be allowed one proposal per review cycle. If a faculty member submits more than one proposal in a single review cycle, the faculty member will be notified and asked to select one proposal.
- 6. <u>Purpose</u>. Briefly state the purpose of the research activity or project. You may use the proposal form or re-type providing the same information in the <u>same</u> format in the <u>same</u> space provided.
- 7. <u>Methodology</u>. Describe your research plan, i.e., the steps that you will use to accomplish your research project. Be certain that your methodology justifies your proposed budget. (See item #10)
- 8. Benefits of Proposal. Explain the anticipated benefits of your research objectives. This section may directly refer to your individual development plan. Will the grant help you to fulfill your personal and professional goals? How will your students, your discipline, and/or your college benefit from your grant? Are there any other potential benefits for the community and/or VCCS? Be specific and brief.
- 9. <u>Collaboration</u>. If applicable, describe the collaborative aspects of your project, i.e., interaction and/or communication with groups inside and/or outside the college. Be specific and brief.
- 10. Budget Section. If you are requesting only reassigned time, DO NOT complete this section. Reimbursable expenses will not include college tuition, personnel costs, most computer hardware, some computer software, and direct cost associated with book publication.
 - a) Budget Outline: Provide a cost outline that clearly supports the methodology section of your proposal. (See item #7) Grant money will be provided for reimbursable expenses only. Be specific about the dollar amount of each item requested and provide information as to how you derived at the estimated cost, e.g. vendor quotes, business office estimates, catalog research, etc.
 - b) College Contribution: Provide an itemized estimate of the college contribution only after your division or unit has reviewed and approved these expenditures.
 - c) Personal Contribution: Provide an estimate of your personal contribution to the proposal which may include expenses already incurred that directly relate to the proposed project or expenses that you are willing to incur to accomplish your research objectives.



- Evaluation of Proposal. Indicate how you intend to assess the outcome of your research 11. project. What method of evaluation will you use to determine if the objectives of your research project have been achieved? How will you know that you have fulfilled the objectives of your research?
- Dissemination of Results. Indicate how you will share your results within classes, 12. division/unit, college, VCCS, and/or national organizations. You are strongly encouraged to share the results of your research with your students and/or with your colleagues at peer group meetings, at local conferences, and at national professional association meetings. Dissemination of results may require a future research grant proposal. Materials developed or created while employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia are subject to Section 12, Intellectual Property, of the VCCS Manual. Any materials developed or created in full or in part through VCCS Research Grant Awards should acknowledge the contribution of the college and the VCCS. (Refer to Section 12, VCCS Policy Manual).



PROPOSAL FORM

FOR VCCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AWARD

(See Cover Page Instructions)

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Proposal for VCCS Professional Development Research Grant

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(You may use this form or re-type providing the same information in the same format in the same space.)				
1)	Title of Proposal:			
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3b)	Is this proposal continuing a previously award (Continuation Proposals must include a state			
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5)	Proposal submitted for:	Type of Grant		
1.	Summer Semester - February 15,	Discipline Organizational		
2.	Fall Semester - April 15,			
3.	Spring Semester - September 15,	Instructional Career		

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VCCS Professional Development Research Award Proposal

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7) Methodology

8) Benefit of this proposal to you (how does it fit into your individual development plan), students, discipline, college, community and/or VCCS?

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Refer to research award program schedule for application deadlines.

VCCS Proposal Form (Revised May 1996)





VCCS Professional Development Research Grants

Final Report Outline

Please summarize the results of your grant project using the following outline as a guide. This report will be shared with colleagues throughout the VCCS. If more space is needed, use additional sheet(s) Do not exceed three typed pages. If a written product resulted from your grant, please enclose. You may submit hard copy and/or diskette (specify the software used).

1)	Name:(Circle: Dr. Mrs. Mrs	7
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2)	Title of Grant:	_
3)	Abstract (50 words or less)	
4)	Expected results/outcomes	
5)	Actual results/outcomes	
6)	Critique of research project. What would you repeat or change?	
7)	Budget expenditures	
8)	What benefits were you able to provide for your students, discipline, college, community and or VCCS?	
9)	How have you disseminated the results or outcome of your project? Include future plans as well.	

Send seven stapled copies (including one original) without binders, folders, or covers of any kind by the specified deadline date at 5:00 p.m. to:

Professional Development Research Award Subcommittee Academic Services & Research Virginia Community College System 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

Effective Date	
due	November 15
due	March 15
due	August 15
	due due

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY OF VCCS FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

Instructions: Please use the attached answer sheet for all responses. The answer sheet will be mechanically scanned, so use a soft lead (#2) pencil to fill in the appropriate circles. Completely erase any answers you decide to change.

The questionnaire is divided into five sections. Questions in the first three sections ask for information related to your own professional development experiences, including current activities, individual goals, and institutional support. Questions in the fourth section ask for information about your participation in VCCS Professional Development activities. Questions in the fifth section ask for demographic information. Please respond as accurately as possible to each question.

I. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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During a typical semester, what is the average number of hours you spend per week on each of the following activities? (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

(a) 0 hours (b) 1-5 hours (c) 6-10 hours (d) 11-20 hours (e) over 20 hours

- 1. performing principal duties of position held (e.g., teaching, counseling, administrating, etc.)
- performing activities related to teaching (e.g., planning, evaluating students' work, etc.)
- 3. advising, counseling, and/or otherwise interacting with students (outside of class)
- 4. interacting with colleagues informally (i.e., outside of staff & committee meetings, etc.)
- 5. doing committee work
- 6. seeking outside funding (e.g., grant writing)
- 7. conducting research
- 8. attending or preparing for professional meetings or conferences
- 9. giving performances or exhibitions in the fine or applied arts
- recruiting
- 11. taking courses or doing work toward an advanced degree
- 12. giving speeches
- 13. doing community service work
- 14. attending workshops, classes, etc., solely to improve professional performance
- 15. outside paid employment (e.g., consulting, freelance work, self-owned business)
- 16. doing work related to a professional organization
- 17. reading professional journals
- 18. teaching overload (credit hours)
- 19. interacting with outside agencies (e.g., business, industry, schools, etc.)
- 20. other (please specify on answer sheet)



Indicate the number of years it has been since you participated in the following activities. (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

- (a) 3 years or fewer (b) 4-6 years (c) 7-9 years (d) 10 years or more (e) not applicable
- 21. attended a professional conference or workshop in my field
- 22. taken educational leave or a sabbatical
- 23. engaged in research or other scholarly work that led to a publication, an exhibit, or other professionally recognized contribution in my field
- 24. participated in an internship or exchange program (business or educational)
- 25. developed a new course
- 26. significantly revised a course on the basis of new developments in my field
- 27. significantly revised a course on the basis of new developments in technology
- 28. significantly revised a course to incorporate elements of general education
- 29. completed a university credit course
- 30. participated in an innovative teaching experiment (e.g., team teaching, writing across the curriculum, computer-assisted instruction, etc.)
- 31. had an article published in a journal in my field
- 32. authored, co-authored, edited, or contributed one or more chapters to a published book in my field
- 33. applied to an outside agency for a research grant to study a problem in my field
- 34. participated in the planning, organization, and/or offering of a workshop, conference, etc.
- 35. participated in a scheduled colloquy to discuss a professional issue
- 36. served on a professional committee outside the college

II. INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 37. Will you pursue professional development in the upcoming year?
 - a. yes
 - b. no

Indicate the importance to you of the following professional goals. (Respond by using one of the options given below. If not applicable, leave blank.)

- (a) unimportant (b) somewhat unimportant (c) somewhat important (d) important (e) not a goal
- 38. become more effective at my job (e.g., teaching, counseling, etc.)
- 39. become more knowledgeable in my field
- 40. obtain a higher degree
- 41. obtain a higher rank
- 42. obtain an administrative position (if you currently hold a faculty or other position)
- 43. obtain a position at a four-year college or university
- 44. obtain a position in a non-academic setting
- 45. obtain a full-time teaching position (if you currently hold a part-time position)
- 46. other (please specify on answer sheet)



How likely is it that you will actually pursue each of the following if given the opportunity, e.g., through funding, sabbatical or educational leave, released time, etc.? (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

- (a) unlikely (b) somewhat unlikely (c) somewhat likely (d) likely (e) does not apply
- 47. university credit courses
- 48. non-credit courses
- 49. professional conferences
- 50. college-sponsored presentations, workshops, seminars, etc.
- 51. internship or exchange in business/industry
- 52. academic exchange (i.e., work at another institution for a specified time)
- 53. research and scholarship
- 54. formal colloquies or symposia with colleagues
- 55. summer institutes, workshops, etc.
- 56. other (please specify on answer sheet)
- 57. When you decide <u>not</u> to participate in a professional development activity that is available to you, which of the following tends to be the <u>single greatest factor</u> influencing that decision?
 - a. lack of interest
 - b. inconvenient due to personal circumstances (e.g., child care, physical health, etc.)
 - c. lack of money
 - d. lack of time
 - e. other (please specify on answer sheet)

Please rate the effectiveness of each of the following for keeping you up-to-date with new developments in your field and/or improving your professional performance. (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

- (a) ineffective (b) somewhat ineffective (c) somewhat effective (d) effective (e) have not pursued
- 58. university credit courses
- 59. non-credit courses
- 60. professional conferences
- 61. on-campus presentations, workshops, seminars, etc.
- 62. internships or exchanges in industry/education (working in field)
- 63. research and scholarship
- 64. site visits
- 65. formal colloquia or symposia with colleagues
- 66. informal conversations with colleagues
- 67. professional journals
- 68. professional committee or task force work
- 69. teleconferences
- 70. computer networks
- 71. other (please specify on answer sheet)



III. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

72. How would you describe the overall <u>attitude</u> of the administration at your institution toward professional development?

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- a. strongly encourages professional development
- b. mildly encourages professional development
- c. neither encourages or discourages professional development (neutral)
- d. mildly discourages professional development
- e. strongly discourages professional development

In your opinion, how adequate is your institution's <u>financial support</u> for the following. (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

- (a) inadequate (b) somewhat inadequate (c) somewhat adequate (d) adequate (e) does not apply
- 73. tuition reimbursement
- 74. sabbaticals
- 75. educational leave
- 76. released time
- 77. flexible scheduling to accommodate individual professional development activities
- 78. professional association memberships (fees)
- 79. registration fees for professional meetings (e.g., conferences, committees, etc.)
- 80. travel expenses for professional meetings (e.g., conferences, committee, etc.)
- 81. retraining for fields significantly affected by rapidly changing technology
- 82. training in computer skills

Assuming, as the literature suggests, that institutional environment and professional development are interrelated, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

- (a) strongly disagree (b) mildly disagree (c) mildly agree (d) strongly agree (e) neutral
- 83. morale in this institution is generally high
- 84. there is a sense of community at this institution
- 85. professionals here respect each other
- 86. there is a sense of collegiality at this institution
- 87. efforts to try new approaches to meet job demands are generally supported here
- 88. faculty and administration here are typically at odds
- 89. an intellectual environment exists here
- 90. sufficient opportunities for professional development are made available here
- 91. professionals here are appreciated by supervisors for doing their jobs well



IV. VCCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

When, if applicable, did you participate in the following professional development programs or activities? (Respond by marking all options that apply. If you have not participated in the activity, leave blank.)

(d) 1996

(e) 1997

92.	VCCS Research Grant award recipient

(b) 1994 -

- 93. Peer Group Conference(s) in my discipline
- 94. Teleconference on campus or in region
- 95. Instructional or Administrative Leaders Seminar
- 96. New Horizons Conference

(a) 1993

- 97. VCCS Technology Skills Certification Program
- 98. Individual Development Plan (either system or college version)

(c) 1995

Please rate the effectiveness of each of the following for keeping you up-to-date with new developments in your field and/or improving your professional performance. (Respond by using one of the options given below.)

(a) ineffective (b) somewhat ineffective (c) somewhat effective (d) effective (e) have not pursued

- 99. VCCS Research Grant award recipient
- 100. Peer Group Conference(s) in my discipline
- 101. Teleconference on campus or in region
- 102. Instructional or Administrative Leaders Seminar
- 103. New Horizons Conference
- 104. VCCS Technology Skills Certification Program
- 105. Individual Development Plan (either system or college version)

What long-term, direct or indirect benefits were realized as a result of your involvement in each of the following VCCS professional development programs or activities. (Respond by marking all options that apply. If you have not participated in the activity, leave blank.)

- (a) improved classroom instruction (b) professional reinvigoration/renewal
- (c) enhanced student learning (d) no benefit (e) other (please specify on answer sheet)
- 106. VCCS Research Grant award recipient
- 107. Peer Group Conference(s) in my discipline
- 108. Teleconference on campus or in region
- 109. Instructional or Administrative Leaders Seminar
- 110. New Horizons Conference
- 111. VCCS Technology Skills Certification Program
- 112. Individual Development Plan (either system or college version)
- 113. In general, do you believe the VCCS Professional Development Initiative has been successful in providing greater support for professional development throughout the twenty-three colleges in the Virginia Community College System?





V. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

114. Position currently held?

- a. administrator
- b. teaching faculty
- c. counselor
- d. librarian
- e. other

115. Number of years in current position?

- a. 0 years
- b. 1-5 years
- c. 6-10 years
- d. 11-20 years
- e. over 20 years

116. Number of years at your college?

- a. 0 years
- b. 1-5 years
- c. 6-10 years
- d. 11-20 years
- e. Over 20 years

117. Present academic rank? (If not applicable, or if your rank is not listed, leave blank.)

- a. professor
- b. associate professor
- c. assistant professor
- d. instructor
- e. lecturer/adjunct faculty

118. Administrative title?

- a. not applicable
- b. dean
- c. division chair or director
- d. coordinator or administrator of a center, lab, or program
- e. other

119. Age?

- a. under 30
- **b.** 30-39
- c. 40-49
- d. 50-59
- e. 60 and over

120. Sex?

- a. female
- b. male



121. Highest degree currently held?

- a. doctoral degree
- b. master's + 24, Specialist, C.A.G.S.
- c. master's degree
- d. professional degree beyond bachelor's
- e. bachelor's degree

122. Degree currently working toward? (If not applicable, leave blank.)

- a. doctoral degree
- b. master's + 24, specialist, C.A.G.S.
- c. master's degree
- d. professional degree beyond bachelor's
- e. bachelor's degree

123. Type of courses most frequently taught?

- a. transfer courses
- b. occupational/technical courses
- c. does not apply

Standard prefix of courses most frequently taught? (please respond on answer sheet)

Major or area of specialization of highest degree held? (please respond on answer sheet)

Division, department, or program in which you work? (please respond on answer sheet)

Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire. Please place the form and answer sheet in an envelope provided, seal, and return to the appropriate office at your college.



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Appendix 5 Comparison of VCCS and College Data (raw numbers)

The following are numbers of responses from each college to assist with reading the following table:

following table:	Requested	Returned
Blue Ridge	70	62
Central Virginia	80	72
Dabney S. Lancaster	40	36
Danville	70	69
Eastern Shore	30	28
Germanna	65	51
J. Sargeant Reynolds	191	154
John Tyler	97	49
Lord Fairfax	65	62
Mountain Empire	80	69
New River	80	76
Northern Virginia	674	519
Patrick Henry	62	61
Paul D. Camp	40	32
Piedmont Virginia	80	63
Rappahannock	54	43
Southside	74	66
Southwest	96	86
Thomas Nelson	110	55
Tidewater	332	238
Virginia Highlands	75	62
Virginia Western	130	104
Wytheville	75	70
VCCS	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	2,688	2,137



During a typical semester, what is the average number of hours you spend per week on each of the following activities?

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over 20 hours	20	0	0	-	0								_						7	0	0	0	-	2
Giving speeches						-			\vdash			_												
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Attending workshops													\vdash						_	_					
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1-5 hours	1318	46	49	44	18	4	31	102	59	38	4												46	52	
6-10 hours	55	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	_	7													-	
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3 years or fewer	1409	40	46	45	23	4	37			39	0 51	<u></u>	21	41	39	21	46	19	163	32	7	39	62	46
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not applicable	758	25	19	25	=		80		19										76	18	7	16	40	30
Completed a university credit course		_	_																			 	 	
3 years or fewer	674	23	16	34	4		16												8	19	က	21	16	35
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7-9 years	66	7	_	ന	7	_	S.	9	4	_											0			4	
10 years or more	543	4	28	19	9	4	9	48	7												ო			16	
Not applicable	1020	32	33	39	24	6	56	29	56			39 206						• •	_		7		_	38	
Authored published book in my field											_														
3 years or fewer	250	7	6	9	4	_	7	18	4														80		-
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7-9 years	22	_	ო	7	_	0	7	4	0			_											က	_	
10 years or more	418	12	20	17	4	4	9	30	4			_											. 24	13	
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4-6 years	190	4	2	က	7	က	7	15	က	9	4	<u>е</u>	45	2	9	5	_	1	21	9	0	6	1	2
7-9 years	22	_	0	က	ო	0	_	2	_	_	4	<u>ه</u>	10	_	.	<u>ء</u>	4	2	7	သ	0	0	-	2
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