

## **FOCUS November 2009 – Virginia Crossing Hotel and Conference Center**

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **General Sessions:**

**8:30–9:20am**     **Opening Session - Jim Burke, Director of Performance Management Group, VCU**

**9:20 – 10:10am**   **OMB Update - Bill Cole - Audit partner with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP**  
With the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Office of Management and Budget has been busy with the accountability and transparency requirements of the Act. This session will provide an update of what OMB has been working on and other related actions. There will be discussion of the impact of the Recovery Act on higher education.

**10:10-10:40am**   **Break**

### **General Session:**

**10:40-11:30am**   **Department of Accounts Update - Randy McCabe - DOA**  
Randy McCabe, Assistant Comptroller for the Commonwealth of Virginia, will provide an update on new initiatives and recent developments at the Department of Accounts.

**11:30 – 1:00pm**   **Lunch**

### **General Session:**

**1:00 – 1:50pm**   **Political Update - Robert D. Holsworth - President - Virginia Tomorrow**  
Dr. Holsworth's company examines emerging trends in politics, society and business. He will discuss the recent Presidential and congressional elections and the impact they could have on Virginia.

### **Concurrent Sessions:**

**2:10 – 3:00pm**     **A) Red Flag\*- Lisa Combs – Director of University Business Office –JMU**  
Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (Red Flag) – Session will include a discussion on policy and implementation of the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Rule.

**B) PCARD / Travel Card Roundtable \* – Laura Temple – AP Specialist - UMW**  
Laura Temple will lead an informal question/answer session with DOA Representative Valerie Alley who will be available for PCard program and EDI questions. Please send suggestions and questions for Valerie to [ltemple@umw.edu](mailto:ltemple@umw.edu).

**C) ARRA Update - Randy McCabe - DOA**

Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

**3:00 – 3:20pm Break**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**3:20 – 4:10pm D) HE Financial Aid Issues\* – Dr. Barry Simmons -- Director for the Office of University Scholarships and Financial Aid - VT**

Discussion on higher education issues in the student financial assistance area. Dr. Simmons is currently serving as the 2009-10 National Chair for the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).

**E) AP Roundtable\* - Laura Temple – AP Specialist - UMW**

Laura Temple will lead an informal discussion of various Accounts Payable issues to include:

- Follow-up discussions from the earlier PCard session;
- (Possible) Updated Travel Regulations;
- Discussions about recent DOA/APA/DGS audit findings;
- UMW’s “Local” credit card program
- Other travel or invoice concerns.

Send topic suggestions to [ltemple@umw.edu](mailto:ltemple@umw.edu).

**F) Financial Reporting Roundtable \* – Carol McGinnis-Assoc Controller - GMU**

Roundtable discussion covering financial reporting topics of interest. Please send topic suggestions to [cmcginn2@gmu.edu](mailto:cmcginn2@gmu.edu)

**4:10 – 4:40pm Primary Representatives Meeting**

**5:00 – 6:00pm Reception**

**6:00pm Dinner and Entertainment**

Friday, November 13th

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**8:30 – 9:20am**    **G) GASB Update - Bill Cole - Audit partner with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP**

Bill Cole will provide an update on current and upcoming GASB issues.

**H) Motivation / Leadership Skills – Karen Fields - VCU**

"Tips for Motivating Staff During Difficult Times"

Budget cuts...downsizing...doing more with less. Motivating staff is hard work under the best of circumstances; the impact of the current economy can make it even more challenging. Participants in this session will examine practical, low cost (or no cost) ways to motivate staff even when times are tough.

**I) Payroll Roundtable\* – Sandra Ianuzi – ODU**

Sandra Ianuzi from Old Dominion University will facilitate a payroll roundtable session to discuss current topics in the payroll area. Forward topics of interest to Sandra at sianuzi@odu.edu.

**General Session:**

**9:40 – 10:30am**    **APA Update – Helen Vanderland – APA - Director of Higher Education Programs**

Helen Vanderland will provide an update from the Auditor of Public Accounts.

**10:30 – 11:00am Break**

**11:00 – 11:50am**    **DPB Update – Michael Maul – Department of Planning and Budget**

Michael Maul, Associate Director of Planning and Budget for Education, Transportation and Public Safety will provide updates from the Department of Planning and Budget.

**11:50 - 1:00pm**    **Lunch**

**General Session:**

**1:00 – 2:40pm**    **The War Against Fraud and Abuse: Are We Winning? - David Cotton – Cotton and Company**

This session will reveal the answer to winning the war on fraud, waste, and abuse and introduce a recently published set of protocols that organizations committed to combating fraud can implement and follow.

**2:40 - 3:00pm Wrap-up Session**

**\* Attendance at these sessions is reserved for FOCUS members only.**