Reynolds faculty member named to Governor’s Climate Change Commission

RICHMOND, Va. (July 29, 2014) – Richard S. Groover, Assistant Dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering at Reynolds Community College was recently appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to serve on the Governor’s Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission. Groover is also a Fellow of the Virginia Academy of Science and a doctoral candidate for a PhD in Environmental Science and Policy from George Mason University.

Governor McAuliffe signed Executive Order 19 on July 1, 2014, convening the Governor’s Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission. The Commission, made up of leaders from around the state including local elected officials, members of the General Assembly, business leaders, environmental advocates, faith leaders, and industry representatives, is charged with conducting an assessment of the recommendations from the 2008 Climate Change Action Plan. This assessment will include determining which recommendations from the original report were implemented, updating and prioritizing the recommendations and identifying sources of funding to support the implementation of the recommendations. The Commission shall submit a report with updated recommendations by June 30, 2015.

“I am very honored to be asked to serve on this Commission,” Groover stated. “The Commonwealth may face very serious problems from global climate change and this Commission will help Governor McAuliffe and the state prepare for these potential impacts.”

Serving over 20,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.