

FSVA Meeting – Virginia Commonwealth University
Meeting Notes - October 20, 2018

I. Attendees:

1. Anand Rao, UMW (FSVA President)
2. Mary L. Carver, Longwood
3. Marcel Rotter, UMW (FSVA Treasurer and Secretary)
4. John S. Castellarin, Germanna
5. Bethany Letiecq, GMU
6. Sean LaCroix, Tidewater CC
7. Carmen Rodriguez, VCU (FSVA Vice President)
8. Val Larsen, JMU
9. Jack Martin, W&M
10. Rudy Burgess, VCU
11. Carol Carr, John Tyler CC
12. Jeff Wilson, VCU
13. Catherine Forestell, W&M
14. Walt Heinecke, UVa
15. Aurelia Donald, VSU
16. Dirk Burruss, Reynolds CC

II. Virginia Higher Education Advocacy Day – is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 10, 2019, and will again be sponsored by both FSVA and AAUP-VA.

a. Discussion of topics for position papers

Exploring a request of SCHEV to conduct a study on what to do in response to the coming demographic cliff; FSVA officers will contact Peter Blake (head of SCHEV) and Matt Conrad, and AAUP's Brian Turner to discuss this issue.

- b. FSVA approved funding for VHEAD – including sharing lunch and hosting costs with AAUP, to provide up to \$3000 for travel grants, and up to \$1000 for a reception for participants and legislators if a venue can be reserved in the office building. The travel grant application will be online.

III. Meeting to Discuss National Council of Faculty Senates – Meeting in Austin, TX

- a. Initiative by Texas Council of Faculty Senates. FSVA will be represented by Anand Rao and Carmen Rodriguez.
- b. FSVA moved to approve travel expenses for President and Vice-President to attend - estimate of up to \$1200 for each in compliance with state standards
- c. Discussed wisdom of creating a NCFS - Good to have national organization, but is it doubling AAUP?
- d. Discussed Issues for NCFS consideration – including concerns over public/private partnerships in terms of control of curriculum and use of adjuncts, erosion of tenure-track positions, how to re-envision tenure for 21st century higher ed, rising costs in higher education, anticipated demographic cliff.

IV. FSVA approved the following in support of adjunct/contingent faculty representation in faculty governance:

Whereas contingent faculty at our institutions are valued colleagues who teach a large proportion of the courses our students take, and

Whereas contingent faculty have interests and problems that differ from those of other faculty, and

Whereas compensation for instructional services is typically lower for contingent faculty than for other faculty

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Virginia recommends each university of college Senate include one or more contingent faculty on the Senate and the executive board of the Senate as voting members and that these representatives of the contingent faculty be monetarily compensated for their service on the Senate and Senate Executive Board.

- V. FSVAs approved a paid student internship to support the officers, with a focus on updating and managing the website, and developing materials in support of FSVAs. The internship is intended for Spring 2019 for up to 150 hours at \$10/hour. The student intern would update the site, and work with FSVAs officers to develop content in support of FSVAs. Information about the internship will be distributed later this fall.
- VI. Call for Spring 2019 host – contact Anand Rao if your school is interested in hosting the Spring 2019 FSVAs meeting.