



FSVA Meeting at the University of Mary Washington
April 8, 2017 – Colonnade Room, University Center

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. President's Report
 - a. FSVA Website – <http://facultysenateofvirginia.org/> - the website has been updated and now hosts pages in support of this meeting, senate motions in response to the executive order travel ban, and the VHEAD 2017 information. The group discussed the earlier proposal to create a database of all Virginia faculty, and instead decided to focus on finding better ways to share information with contacts on each campus, such as starting a newsletter.
 - b. VHEAD 2017 Report – the FSVA reception in the General Assembly Office Building was well received. Several legislators attended and the AAUP award was presented at the reception. For 2018 we recommend holding the reception in a more central location.
 - c. Immigration Executive Order- Mark Piper from JMU reported on the motions supported by the JMU and UVA faculty senates (see website: <http://facultysenateofvirginia.org/immigration-executive-order/>).
 - d. Fall 2017 Meeting – Call for Host – Carmen Rodriguez offered to explore hosting an October meeting at VCU in support of VHEAD planning.
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Plans for 2018 Virginia Higher Education Advocacy Day (VHEAD) - participants discussed what they felt worked (meeting with local legislators in home offices, VHEAD reception, the position paper), and what needs to be improved upon (increasing participation/attendance, starting earlier). The group agreed to the following plan for the coming year:
 - a. August-September – FSVA members should meet with their administration and school lobbyists to discuss what legislative issues and priorities have been identified
 - b. Early September – FSVA members share collected information via a Google doc, prepare for an electronic meeting with AAUP in mid-September to narrow priorities to 1-2 issues that FSVA and AAUP will focus on at VHEAD 2018

- c. Mid-October – meet at VCU with a draft position paper, and invite Richmond-based experts and lobbyists who might be interested in coordinating advocacy efforts with FSVA and AAUP
- d. November – December – FSVA members meet with their area legislators in their home offices to share the position paper and discuss legislative priorities to raise awareness about VHEAD and the FSVA reception that will be held
- e. January (date TBD) – FSVA and AAUP members meet in Richmond for VHEAD 2018

V. Agenda Items from Attendees:

- a. Faculty attendance at VHEAD – FSVA will continue to waive registration costs for meeting attendance, as well as reimburse faculty for travel expenses not already covered by their institutions. Each attendee was also encouraged to select 3-5 institutions who have not recently attended and call representatives to personally invite them to participate in our VHEAD planning activities next fall, as well as to attend upcoming meetings.
- b. Communications support – after a substantive discussion about the need to support the work of the secretary and the upkeep for the website, the group approved a motion to authorize the executive board to spend up to \$500 to support website changes, communications, and/or development of a newsletter.
- c. Other issues related to advocacy for higher education, faculty salary compression, and adjunct faculty welfare were discussed as possible issues for consideration as part of next year’s VHEAD activities.

VI. Selection of 2017-2018 Officers

- a. President – Anand Rao, University of Mary Washington
- b. Vice President – Chris Allgyer, Mountain Empire Community College
- c. Secretary – Carmen Rodriguez, Virginia Commonwealth University
- d. Treasurer – Suzanne Sumner, University of Mary Washington

VII. Special Session on Faculty With Disabilities – thank you to the Virginia Conference of the AAUP for co-sponsoring this special session. A video recording of the session is available on our website:

<http://facultysenateofvirginia.org/spring-2017-meeting-april-8th-at-umw/>