

Faculty Senate of Virginia March 24, 2019 Meeting

President of FSVA will be meeting with VRS in September 2019. Will let us know the outcome in Fall. The consensus is that VRS needs to open lines of communications on regular basis with faculty in VA.

FSVA Webpage

The FSVA website is being redesigned. The new design will have a button for each school where our Faculty Senate and FFPM will be linked. This will allow for issues to be tracked by school and also help in the exchange of info and ideas as to how other schools view and resolve issues.

It is also suggested that LU have a page for tracking and proposals with all edits so our faculty and other schools with same issues can follow. Also link to AAUP Best Practices page if not already done.

FSVA Future Meeting Dates and Times

In the future all fall meetings will be in Richmond at VCU so VA elected officials can attend.

All spring meetings will be held at the school hosting AAUP meeting being held at the same time.

Dues

Dues will be due in March/April of this year. We are getting our 501c3 letter then will send out invoices.

VHEAD (VA Higher Education Advocacy Day)

Next advocacy day will be January 9, 2020. This is the day after the new session starts on Jan. 8.

Currently Watching

Purdue took over Kaplan, Now have third party vendors who set up online courses. Faculty have lost control and academic freedom. Transition and current setup not transparent. Also, student must sign non-sue forms, etc

Virginia Tech

With new Amazon facilities in the NOVA, V-Tech has vowed to expand its technology and establish a campus in NOVA as well. It has been bold in stating that it will siphon off top students from other VA schools. Also, should state funds be used for expansion that will hurt all VA schools? Community colleges the worst off because they cannot “reach down” to more students.

All of this with the 15% predicted cliff coming in a few years.

FSVA will have SCHEV at the fall meeting to discuss this issue further.

National Council of Faculty Senates

There has been talk of having a national faculty senate and our officers when to exploratory conference in TX this spring. There have been a few committees created already to explore the foundation/formalization of such an organization. They are: National Voice, Best Practices, and Funding. About 24-25 states were at the conference and there are bylaws and communication/marketing be drafted.

VA Child Care

Richmond has been testing ground for expanded child care. Northam wants to expand out to all 2-year and 4-year college/universities. Motion to support was passed.

Travel motions were passed.

Election of new Officers

President: Carmen Rodriguez

VP: (Sorry did not catch the name)

Tres: Marcel Rotter

Secretary: Mary Carver