

Although we don't have final budget figures for next year, departments which anticipate retirements during 2017-18 were asked to provide requests for approvals to begin searches in the early fall. A small number submitted requests for replacement lines.

The final agreement has been signed with George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School for a 3+4 program. Admissions has added the program to its website and press releases are being jointly prepared by GMU and us. We are in the last stages of review for the 3+4 agreement with Shenandoah's Bernard Dunn School of Pharmacy and anticipate signing in the coming weeks. Both of these programs have been vetted by the Academic Affairs Committee.

Department Chairs within Arts and Sciences, and the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, have discussed setting up a "Mary Washington in Washington" program that has been cited in the six-year plan. Data indicate that at least 65 students per year have internships within the district itself. At this very early stage in the planning we are envisioning a program that would involve a presence in Washington two days/week with a multi-unit course taught by one or two faculty members who would also connect students with well placed alumni in the city. There will be considerable consultation with faculty once we begin developing a proposal.

Arts and Sciences Faculty have had a remarkably productive year in publications, teaching, and grant awards. In part because of our faculty's strong reputation, we have hired successfully in Psychological Sciences, Geology, Historic Preservation, Math, Music, and English. In each case we attracted each of the hiring committee's top choices.

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