



Faculty Senate of Virginia (FSVA) Report  
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University Faculty Council Meeting  
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**Faculty Senate of Virginia Meeting – October 20, 2018 at VCU.** The FSVA will host its fall meeting on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at VCU from 9am-1pm. UMW faculty are invited to attend and lunch is provided. In addition to hearing reports from member institutions, we plan to focus on two issues:

1. Higher education advocacy in Virginia - we will discuss plans for Virginia Higher Education Advocacy Day (VHEAD) to be held in January 2019, including identifying and developing position papers to advocate for higher education. FSVA has traditionally coordinated the development of position papers with the Virginia chapter of AAUP, and FSVA has invited a representative from AAUP to attend. FSVA has also invited an outside guest speaker to provide a briefing on upcoming legislative issues and the state of higher education initiatives in Richmond.
2. National organization for faculty governance – The Texas Council of Faculty Senates has invited representatives from across the country to attend their fall meeting to discuss the possibility of creating a national council of faculty senates. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, in Austin, Texas. I am planning to attend on behalf of FSVA, along with FSVA Vice-President Prof. Carmen Rodriguez (VCU). At our FSVA meeting we will discuss this development and seek input from member schools with regard to the wisdom of creating a national council, as well as to identify issues that such a council might be charged with addressing.