

FSVA Meeting – Virginia Commonwealth University
Abbreviated Draft Minutes - October 20, 2018

I. Call to Order and Introductions – 9:30am

1. Anand Rao, UMW
2. Mary L. Carver, Longwood
3. Marcel Rotter, UMW
4. John S. Castellarin, Germanna
5. Bethany Letiecq, GMU
6. Sean LaCroix, Tidewater CC
7. Carmen Rodriguez, VCU
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. President's Report

- Virginia Higher Education Advocacy Day – is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 10, 2019, and will again be sponsored by both FSVA and AAUP-VA.
- Call for Spring 2019 meeting host
- Discussed need to update and manage website.
 - FSVA representatives approved a paid student internship intended for Spring 2019 for up to 150 hours at \$10/hour. The student intern would update the site, and work with FSVA officers to develop content in support of FSVA.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Budget Report
- b. Record keeping discussion
 - after solving tax issue (no record of original founder), then 5 years cut-off
- c. Institutional dues – use of credit card payments
 - Treasurer will explore options

V. National Council of Faculty Senates – Meeting in Austin, TX

- Initiative by Texas Council of Faculty Senates
 - a. 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
 - b. Wisdom of creating a NCFS - Good to have national organization, but is it doubling AAUP?
 - c. 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.

VI. Plans for 2019 Virginia Higher Education Advocacy Day (1/10)

- a. Discussion of topics for position papers
 - Request that SCHEV conducts a study on what to do with coming demographic cliff; FSVVA will contact Peter Blake (head of SCHEV) and Matt Conrad, and AAUP's Brian Turner to discuss this issue.
- b. FSVVA moved to funding 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

VII. New Business:

- c. Resolution that every BOV shall have a non-voting rep to the Board (change language from “may” to “shall” - more research by Walt – tabled so that officers could collect more information
- d. Resolution on adjunct representation in faculty governance at member schools:
 - 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.

The motion passed