



Virginia Association of College & University Housing Officers (VACUHO)

MEETING MINUTES

February 5th, 2010

WELCOME AND CHECK IN

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- RA Conference 2009 Wrap-Up
 - *Made \$2,000 profit which is coming back to VACUHO*
 - *Roughly 300 participants from 27 institutions*
 - *A report on the conference has been submitted for the SEAHO Report*

- Virginia Student Services Conference 2009 Wrap-Up
 - *Made \$3,500 profit which is coming back to VACUHO*
 - *Ryan Brown (Regent U.) & Kelly Espy (Emory & Henry) are the co-chairs for VSSC 2010*

- Amicus Brief (Ryan)
 - *An amicus brief is a document filed by a 3rd party providing an opinion on a particular case to a court.*
 - *This particular brief stemmed from a court case involving a Regent University student who is contending that all Virginia colleges & universities must go through the eviction process outlined in the Landlord-Tenant Law to remove a student from housing.*
 - *This cause is important to VACUHO because this could set a precedent resulting in all institutions in Virginia having to go through the courts to remove a student should they elect not to leave on their own – a process which can take weeks/months.*
 - *The funding cost of the brief is \$5,000 (\$1,000 of which is coming from VACUHO and \$4,000 of which is coming from Regent University).*
 - *VACUHO is also in the process of working to create legislation that to ensure that this law is more clearly defined and to make certain that colleges and universities are not held to the same standard.*

- VACURH Relationship
 - *From the outside, it appears that the organization is struggling a bit and the Governing Council wants to assist without stepping on the toes of its leadership.*
 - *Should VACUHO give expectations to VACURH*
 - *Encourage our students and staff to apply for the open executive positions*
 - *Strengthen the relationship between the VACUHO Governing Council and the VACURH Advisor*
 - *Possibly offer to assist in the training for the VACURH leadership*
 - *FOX Awards are not being handed out currently, which is a primary role of VACURH. Because of the importance of its role in recognition across the staff, this has created challenges for professional staff who want to nominate students and undergraduate staff.*
 - *All student and advisor positions are currently up for election. After the elections, we will discuss and reevaluate.*



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NEW BUSINESS

- RA Conference FUTURE
 - George Mason (2010), Norfolk State (2011), Virginia Tech (2012)
 - *An RA Conference Agreement has been created to ensure that the host site can guarantee their ability to host many years out from the actual conference.*
 - *The agreement also outlines the expectations of the host institution and of VACUHO prior, during, and after the conference.*

- Quarterly Reports/Newsletter
 - *The Quarterly Reports are a form of accountability for the Governing Council members and are a way for each of us to track our progress on our job responsibilities / goals.*
 - *The Quarterly Reports will be completed every couple of months and are available to the Governing Council.*
 - *VACUHO is also going to be working to create a newsletter that will be made available to the entire membership on a quarterly basis. It will contain campus updates, information relevant to VACUHO, and the state conferences.*

- VACUHO Strategic Direction → Specific GOALS/Objectives
 - Defining Organizational Roles
 - VSSC Admin, GC Role Definition, etc.
 - Becoming an Assessment Driven Organization
 - Professional Development, Best Practices, Archives/Resources
 - Leading Edge for Negotiating Strategic Obstacles facing Housing Profession
 - Finances, Financial Climate, Political Climate
 - **Contact Kristen Cooper with areas of interest ASAP - All GC council members will serve on one of these committees which will meet via conference call prior to our next meeting.**

- **Upcoming Conference Calls/Training - Be on the lookout for the Conference Call schedule.**
 - **RA Conference Chairs (Past & Present) - Josh Blakely**
 - **Regional Director Ambassadors - Ryan Brown**
 - **Members-At-Large - Kristen Cooper**

MEMBER REPORTS & GOALS

- *President (Kristen Cooper) - Present*
- *Past-President/VSSC Co-Chair (Ryan Brown) - Present*
- *President-Elect (Josh Blakely) - Present*
- *Business Manager (Ashley Racine) - Present*
- *Technology Coordinator (Ken Belcher) - Present*
- *Secretary/Historian (Justin Yates) - Present*
- *SEAHO Editor/Rep (Nicole Lenez)*
- *CHO Representative (Leon McClinton)*
- *Graduate Student Representative (Sammi Hoover) - Present*
- *Professional Development Committee Chair (Eddie Seavers) - Present*
- *VACURH Advisor (Angela Lemke)*
- *RA Conference Chair (Rachel Siditsky) - Present*
- *Regional Ambassadors*



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- Southeastern (Chuck Crawford) - Present
- Northern (Bethany Friesner) - Present
- Central (Matt Scruggs)
- Southwestern (Sarah Ross) - Present
- Capital (Katie Thorne)
- Members at-Large
 - Adam Williams - Present
 - Kathryn Hill
 - Kelley Woods
 - Abbey Rowe - Present
 - Terry Fassanella
 - Donald Walker - Present
 - Katie Aimone - Present
 - Brandi McKee - Present

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- **MARCH:** Norfolk State University - Friday, March 12th
- **JUNE:** Lynchburg College?? - June 8-9th
- **SEPTEMBER:** Virginia Tech - September 17th

RATS ASS RECOGNITION

- Past Recipient – Ryan Brown (Regent U.)
- Current Recipient - Chris Porter & Bethany Freisner (U. of Mary Washington)