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MEETING AGENDA

March 11, 2010: NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

GREETINGS FROM NSU RESIDENCE LIFE & HOUSING

- *Faith Fitzgerald, Director of Residence Life & Housing*
- *Dawnita Smith, Assistant to the Director*

WELCOME AND CHECK-IN

- *What has been a high in your life this semester?*

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Amicus Brief (Ryan)
 - *In the state of Virginia, there is currently no legal precedence to remove students from college housing – the only backing that existing is a common law practice that has existed for nearly 400 years.*
 - *The appeal will be heard by a 3 judge panel within the next few months.*
 - *This is the first time that an amicus brief has been filed before the appeal has been filed. It requires the judges to review the document before accepting it into their decision – either way, they must read it before a decision to enter it can be rendered.*
- VACURH Relationship
 - *The VACURH Conference has been rescheduled to March 26th through 28th at Emory & Henry.*
 - *Bids are currently open for all positions and awards, several of which are either uncontested or have yet to receive any bids. ALL BIDS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH.*
 - *VACUHO will be waiting for new leadership before we restart the conversation about a stronger link between the two organizations.*
- Strategic Directions Conference Calls
 - Defining Organizational Roles
 - *Only 2 people were a part of the conference call, Kristen Cooper & Matt Scruggs.*
 - *The group is planning to reschedule and try again for greater attendance.*
 - Becoming an Assessment Driven Organization
 - *Update the website will compiled results from listserv responses*
 - *Discussed trends in higher education, particularly those related to finances*
 - *Interested in creating a Virginia Live-On Report*
 - *Want to update the job descriptions and other institutional information on the VACUHO website*
 - *Exploring the possibility of posting all VSSC conference powerpoints to the website*
 - Leading Edge for Negotiating Strategic Obstacles facing Housing Profession
 - *See handout*
- Positional Conference Calls
 - Member-At-Large
 - *Need to have more specific projects, initiatives, and direction*
 - *At the start of every Governing Council meeting, leading a 10 to 15 minute discussion about a professional development topic*
 - *Focus on research and assessment (Adam Williams)*
 - *Assistance with the VACUHO newsletter (Abbey Rowe)*
 - *Interest in helping to plan the summer retreat*
 - *The intent behind the Member-At-Large position was to allow others to learn about Governing Council positions*
 - *Possibility of creating a shadowing program*
 - *Can be used for outreach to general membership*
 - *Could be used to help organize the Summer Drive-In Conference*



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- *The Member-At-Large position needs to be added to the policy manual in the summer*
- Regional Ambassadors
 - *Unable to meet yet because of weather and scheduling conflicts*
 - *Plan to meet within the next 2 weeks*
 - *Had the idea of hosting summer regional socials or CHO gatherings*
- RA Conference Chairs (Past, Present, Future)
 - *Still in the process of gathering materials from other conferences*
 - *NSU will be receiving materials over the summer to help with their planning efforts about a year and half in advance*

NEW BUSINESS

- Anti-Discrimination Policies (Kenneth Cuccinelli)
 - *In response to Cuccinelli's letter, Governor McDonnell issued Executive Directive #1 stating that public institutions cannot hire or fire an individual based upon their sexual orientation, gender status, etc.*
 - *This response in effect overturns the Attorney General's opinion; however, it does not change the fact that state law does not extend the same protection to these groups as others (i.e. race, age, etc.).*
 - *Public institutions cannot take on causes or authority beyond what is empowered to them by the state legislature and state law.*
- *What is VACUHO's role in this situation?*
 - *We must consider who we represent and the most responsible course of action.*
 - *Leon will be contacting the CHOs to see what their opinions and thoughts are on the matter what recommendations they might have for VACUHO.*
 - *May consider drafting a letter similar to another consortium to send out to colleges and universities stating our opinion and recommendations*
 - *This matter has been tabled until additional information and input can be gathered.*

MEMBER REPORTS & GOALS

- President (Kristen Cooper)
 - *Based upon the Presidents Meeting at SEAHO, it seems that VACUHO is one of the strongest and well-structured organizations in the region.*
 - *Able to fund SEAHO Rep. travel expenses*
 - *During this meeting, the states agreed to consider changing the terms of office for the various SEAHO Reps*
 - *While our voting would still take place in November, the term would not start until the Friday morning SEAHO Conference meeting.*
 - *This change would require VACUHO to fund two people to attend the conference every other year.*
 - *Future SEAHO Conferences will be hosted by a SEAHO Conference committee rather than by the host states.*
- Past-President/VSSC Co-Chair (Ryan Brown)
 - *Possible changes to speaker schedule at VSSC – 3 speakers (1 Chief Student Affairs Officer on Thursday morning, 1 Keynote speaker on Thursday evening, and the Pioneer Award winner on Friday morning).*
 - *The schedule for Thursday will have minor changes to eliminate the break period from this year and the Entertainment Committee will be accepting nominations from the whole state for the Pioneer Award.*
- Secretary/Historian (Justin Yates)
 - *Working on the first installation of the VACUHO Vibe Newsletter to include – SEAHO wrap-up, State of VACUHO, Discussion of the Amicus Brief, Institution in Focus, An example of best practices, VSSC & RA*



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Conference scholarship recipients, and interviews with the current governing council and position discussions

- CHO Representative (Leon McClinton)
 - *Wants to focus on CHOs being better represented at VSSC during sessions (both in attendance and as presenters)*
 - *Interested in promoting better communication and connection within the CHO community*
- Professional Development Committee Chair (Eddie Seavers)
 - *Looking for University of Richmond to host on Friday, July 16th*
 - *The theme is still to be determined and Eddie will be asking for thoughts from the Governing Council*
- RA Conference Chair (Rachel Siditsky)
 - *Rachel will be leaving George Mason University in May and is in search of another staff member to take of the chair position – hope to have major parts of planning finished before her departure*
 - *The conference will be hosted in a new hotel on campus that can accommodate 420 people – a contract is in the works for approval*
 - *The theme is a carnival*
- Regional Ambassadors
 - Southeastern (Chuck Crawford)
 - *Preparing a letter to send to CHOs to arrange site visits*
- Members at-Large
 - Adam Williams
 - *Interested in creating a Governing Council assessment – looking at things to improve and explore*
 - *Focusing on increasing and documenting assessment through VACUHO*
 - Kathryn Hill
 - *Interested in assisting with the VAUCHO Newsletter*
 - Kelley Woods
 - *Wants to explore getting more SEAHO submissions from VACUHO*
 - *Interested in working with graduate preparation programs*
 - Terry Fassanella
 - *Interested in assisting with the VACUHO Newsletter*
 - *Willing to help wherever needed*
 - Donald Walker
 - *Interested in using Future Leaders in Student Affairs program at Virginia Tech on other campuses*
 - Brandi McKee
 - *Interested in focusing on the VACURH relationship with hopes of becoming the VACURH Advisor*
 - *Focusing on increasing and documenting assessment through VACUHO*

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- **JUNE:** Jefferson College of Health Sciences - 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)*