

# 2016 General Assembly Update



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# 2016 General Assembly Session

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# W&M Takes Over the Capital (Alumni in Richmond)

- Members of General Assembly

- Delegates:

- Bulova (D)
    - Hugo (R)
    - Kilgore (R)
    - Mason (D)
    - Stolle (R)



- Senators:

- Holtzman-Vogel (R)
    - McDougle (R)
    - Norment (R)
    - Wexton (D)



- Members of the Governor's Cabinet:

- Paul Reagan, Chief of Staff
  - Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary of Administration
  - Ric Brown, Secretary of Finance
  - Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources
  - Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology

- Others in key locations:

- Staff at SCHEV, Governor's policy office, Dept. of Planning and Budget, etc

# W&M in Richmond

- President Reveley has already visited the GAB several times advocating on behalf of the College.
  - Met with key members & staff in support of WM priorities
  - Back up there before the budget is put to bed
- January 26<sup>th</sup> President Reveley addressed the Senate Finance Education Subcommittee about the COP priorities.
- Spoke to Joint Commemorative Session this past weekend.



# W&M in Richmond

- W&M hosted January 26<sup>th</sup> legislative reception.
  - Legislators and members of the Governor's office and staff attended
  - A number of College reps as well – including some of you
- Annual “Road to Richmond”
  - 50 students attended (and well dressed no less)
  - The students spent the afternoon meeting with numerous legislators
  - And had a photo and tour with the Governor



# State of Play

- Session began Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled for 60 (long) days
- All 140 House and Senate members were up for re-election
  - 12 new House members – more than 10% new
  - 7 new Senate members – more than 20% new
  - Some VERY close races
- (No) Change in the Senate split
  - Remains 21 (Rs) - 19 (Ds), with the loss of several moderate Rs
  - But new leadership on the Senate Finance committee
- Governor rounding the corner
  - Submitted his only full two-year budget in December
  - Will focus even more clearly on his legacy issues
    - Economic Development, education, research, among them

# Budget

- Gov. McAuliffe proposed a new two-year budget in December. Key higher education items:
  - Salary increase (in second year) for all state employees
  - Financial aid
  - Research Funding
  - Major capital package
- The House and Senate will have their own versions of the budget which will differ from the Governor's introduced budget.
- There are a few additional items that W&M and VIMS will seek as the budget process continues.
- We'll see the House & Senate versions of the budget in 2 weeks.

# Legislation

- We track more than 100 bills and resolutions that relate to higher education, and a few specific to W&M.
  - SJR 91 confirms the Governor's appointments to W&M's board.
    - Thomas R. Frantz
    - James A. Hixon
    - Karen Kennedy Schultz
    - Todd Stottlemeyer
  - A few commending resolutions also expected, including –
    - The Law School's Puller Veterans Benefit Clinic (gave us \$ last year)
    - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Christopher Wren Association



# Legislation

- Other bills / issues we are working on:
  - Capital Procurement
  - In-State / Out-of-State bills – one that limits and one that increases ratio
  - Tuition bills – 4yr guarantee, limits, etc
  - Uniform lower division curriculum
  - Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program
  - Commonwealth Center on Recurrent Flooding Resiliency
  - Computer Science as a Foreign Language
- Some the Board may be particularly interested in –
  - FOIA bills (recording closed session)
  - BOV as final appeal body for student expulsion
  - BOV reappointment prohibited if member does not attend SCHEV training

# Remaining Key Dates

- Feb 12 (Fri) – Last Day to Confirm Governor’s appointments
- Feb 17 (Wed) - CROSSOVER
- Feb 21 (Sun) – Budget subcommittee reports out
- March 2 (Wed) – Each house acts on others’ budget / conferees appointed
- March 7 (Mon) – Last Day for committee action on bills
- March 12 (Sat) – End of Session (scheduled)
- Apr 20 (Wed) – Reconvened “Veto” Session

# Questions?

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**What my friends  
think I do.**



**What my parents  
think I do.**



**What the other side  
says I do.**



**What society thinks  
I do.**



**What I think I  
do.**



**What I actually do.**