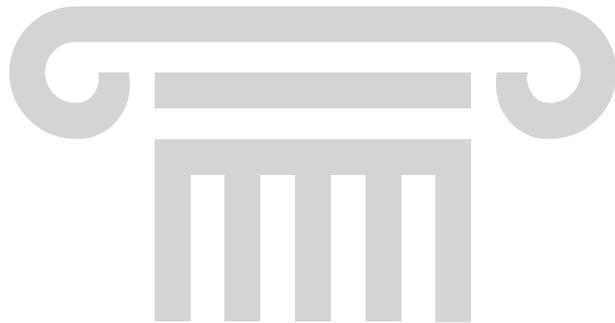


The State Council of Higher Education

for Virginia is the Commonwealth's coordinating body for higher education. SCHEV was established by the Governor and General Assembly in 1956. Then, as now, our mission, which is outlined in the Code of Virginia, is "to promote the development of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of higher education" in Virginia.

To fulfill our mission, SCHEV makes higher education public policy recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly in such areas as capital and operating budget planning, enrollment projections, institutional technology needs, and student financial aid. SCHEV administers a variety of educational programs that benefit students, faculty, parents, and taxpayers. SCHEV serves as a catalyst to promote greater access, quality, affordability, and accountability throughout the system. SCHEV also helps policymakers, college administrators, and other concerned leaders work cooperatively and constructively to advance educational excellence.



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Student Advisory Committee (SAC)



Student representatives from Virginia's colleges and universities who advise the State Council of Higher Education on systemwide issues important to students.



The **Student Advisory Committee (SAC)** is a student council consisting of one full-time student from all 4-year public colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia, four students representing the Virginia Community College System, and two students enrolled in private institutions of higher education. The committee assembles at least twice annually to advise the Council on systemwide issues of concern to Virginia's college students.

SAC members have chosen to speak with you about the following topics of importance to students attending institutions of higher education across Virginia.

SAC representatives support the budget language proposed by both the House and Senate that provides an additional 1% increase in faculty salaries above the Governor's proposed 2% increase.

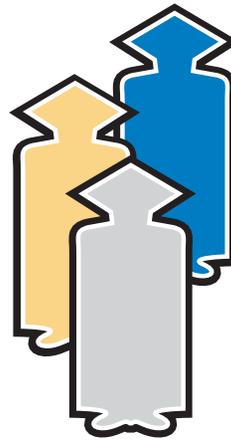
- Virginia's faculty members are the reason our colleges and universities are considered among the finest in the nation. We believe these educators, researchers, and mentors deserve a 3% salary increase.
- In Fiscal Year 2011, the average teaching and research faculty salary at Virginia's 4-year institutions ranked as low as it ever has at the 30th percentile.

SAC members support the Senate's proposed budget of an additional \$7.3 million for student financial aid on top of Governor McDonnell's proposed \$1.9 million financial aid allocation.

- The total \$9.2 million increase in student financial aid is greatly needed at a time when many middle-income families are finding it harder to afford tuition costs.

SAC representatives support House Bill 1952 (proposed by Del. Landes), which provides funding and specifies topics for SCHEV to cover during annual training for members of college and university governing boards.

- Newly appointed members of governing boards could benefit from such educational programs.
- SCHEV is the appropriate entity to provide this service since the agency has already been conducting such training for a number of years.



The viewpoints above were endorsed by a majority of SAC members representing 22 public and private two- and four-year institutions of higher education across Virginia.

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