Update on Legislation

 Spotlight on Bill of Interest
HB2311 - State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
- Expands purpose to include developing and implementing a state-level strategic planning process.
- Increases membership to 13 members: 12 appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly and one ex officio member (President of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership). At least one appointee shall have experience in higher education and one shall be a current Virginia school superintendent.
- Requires involvement of and presentations by presidents of public institutions at each meeting.
- Current status: Substitute proposed by the Committee on Education agreed to by the House of Delegates (contingent on passage by the House, HB2311 will be sent to the Senate for consideration).

 Reports on Legislation of Interest*
Legislative Reports that include the summary and the current status of key legislation of interest to UVa are available on the State Governmental Relations website. Additional reports will be posted periodically throughout the session.

* To access all introduced legislation, including the full text, amendments, and the current status, visit the Legislative Information System.

Status of the 2012-14 Budget (HB1500/SB800)

- The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will report amendments to the 2012-14 budget on Sunday, February 3. Subcommittee reports and the amendments approved by the committees will be available on the State Budget website.

- Detailed analyses of the committee amendments, prepared by the University Budget Office, will be posted to the Reports page of the State Governmental Relations website after amendments are available.

General Assembly Update

 Upcoming Session Deadlines
- Sunday, February 3 - House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees complete action on budget
- Tuesday, February 5 - Budget amendments available; Last day for each house to act on its own legislation
- Thursday, February 7 - Houses of origin to complete action on budget

 Session Statistics
- Introduced: 2,238
- Passed House of Delegates and Senate: 267
- Defeated: 409
- Pending: 1,562

UVa at the Capitol

- President Sullivan and the Vice President for Management and Budget Colette Sheehy met with legislators on January 23 and 24 to discuss the Governor’s proposed budget and the University’s budget amendments that address operating and capital needs and indigent care funding for the Medical Center.

- President Sullivan addressed the Legislative Black Caucus on January 24 speaking about diversity at UVa, efforts to improve supplier diversity, and news about the Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Celebration in Charlottesville.

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