

STATE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
CAPITOL UPDATE, DECEMBER 2012



Legislative Forum
Wednesday, December 19, 2012 – Rotunda Dome Room

- ▶ President Sullivan and the Office of State Governmental Relations invite the University community to attend the annual Legislative Forum on Wednesday, December 19 at 12:00 p.m. in the Rotunda Dome Room.
- ▶ The Forum will feature Central Virginia legislators who will share their views about key matters to be considered during the 2013 General Assembly Session.

General Assembly Update

- ▶ **JLARC Higher Education Cost Efficiency Study**
 In 2012, the General Assembly, through [HJ108](#), directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to examine the efficiency of public higher education in Virginia and report its findings and recommendations no later than January 8, 2014 and January 14, 2015.
- ▶ **House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee Retreats**
 The House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee held their annual retreats in November to discuss a variety of issues including the economic and budgetary outlook for 2013, the federal deficit reduction efforts, financial aid, college access and affordability, and health-related matters. Access the presentations and meeting materials at <http://hac.virginia.gov/> and <http://sfc.virginia.gov/>.
- ▶ **Key 2013 Session Dates (unofficial)**
 Wednesday, January 9 – Session convenes
 Friday, January 18 – Last day to introduce legislation
 Saturday, February 23 – Session adjourns
 Monday, March 25 – Last day for Governor to act on legislation
 Wednesday, April 3 – Reconvened session
- ▶ **Prefiled Legislation of Interest for the 2013 Session**
[HB1303](#) (Herring) – Tax credit for small businesses hiring graduates of Virginia's public colleges.
[HB1306](#) (Landes) – Establishing the Commission on Federal Oversight.
[SB701](#) (McEachin) – Prohibiting employment discrimination by state agencies and institutions.

University Resources

- ▶ **State Governmental Relations Website (www.virginia.edu/governmentalrelations)**
 The SGR website includes information and resources about state relations including legislative reports, information relating to the legislative process and General Assembly session, a list of U.Va.'s local legislators, links to related internal and external resources, and office and staff information.
- ▶ **Related University Policies**
[Policy on Communicating with Government Officials](#) – All employees are free to communicate with government officials, but must clearly distinguish their personal opinions from University positions and policies.
[Policy on Political Activity](#) – Faculty members are free to engage in political activity consistent with obligations as teachers and scholars. The political positions assumed by members of the faculty are personal ones, and faculty must ensure that they do not imply that such positions are endorsed by the University.

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