

Council of Chairs
Jan. 26, 2016

Present: Margie Tucker, Jacob Somervell, Bryan Hoyt, Sandy Huguenin, Amelia Harris, Robin Benke, Rachel Tighe, Tom Costa, Jeff Cantrell, John Mark Adrian, Frank Frey, Cathie Collins, Michael McNulty

Mr. Huguenin noted that Academic Affairs personnel are working on several items such as Summer Bridge, Summer College schedule and next semester's freshman seminar sections.

Ms. Harris announced that 21 UVa-Wise students have been accepted to present at the National Council for Undergraduate Research conference at UNC-Asheville on April 7-9. The College will provide transportation and lodging. The COPLAC undergraduate conference will be April 22-23 at Georgia College.

The symposium co-hosted with Emory & Henry College will be April 15 on our campus. Abstracts are due Feb. 26. Ms. Harris said there are two named awards associated with undergraduate research: the Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Paper Award honors a paper that has been presented at an academic conference, and the Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Presentation Award recognizes a presentation given at the UVa-Wise/Emory & Henry symposium.

Ms. Tucker said that two students had been selected to present posters at a legislative session in Richmond but it was canceled due to the weather. The undergraduate research presentations in the Natural Sciences begin tomorrow at 1p.m. in Science 122 with Ashlee Taylor and Javier Wagoner presenting.

Mr. Huguenin suggested that students who receive stipends to attend conferences send photos and a thank-you note to Nancy Smith at the C. Bascom Slemph Foundation.

Ms. Harris submitted a proposal to the capital campaign for \$2 million to support undergraduate research.

Mr. Costa said the search committee will meet next week to review applications for the QEP writing director. The QEP committee, with input from English faculty, will revise the plan based on the recommendation from the SACS reaffirmation committee. The committee will continue to survey freshmen on writing and invited suggestions on the survey construction.