

Council of Chairs
March 20, 2018

Present: Scott Bevins, Amy Clark, Sandy Huguenin, Amelia Harris, Michael McNulty, Tom Costa, Jeff Cantrell, Robin Benke, Galen Sedo (for Margie Tucker), Bryan Hoyt, Jacob Somervell, John Mark Adrian, Cathie Collins, Frank Frey

Scott Bevins had arranged a video conference with UVA Dev Hub demonstrators Nadim El-Jaroudi and Glori Felicia. The Dev Hub is a means for university faculty and students to collaborate on applications and do research. The web page (<https://devhub.virginia.edu/>) has tutorials to assist users in developing apps and accessing data. All code is open source and students can post their projects. It is compatible with Apple and Android. They offered to come to Wise and conduct a workshop with our students.

Mr. Huguenin said the state budget is not final; the House, the Senate, and the Governor have not agreed on all items.

Questions were raised about the policy on limiting withdrawals; Mr. Huguenin said revisions are not final and invited additional faculty input.

Mr. Huguenin gave an update on hiring:

- Positions in mathematics, computer science, and cybersecurity are funded through a SIF grant for the first few years; these positions will be picked up by the College when the grant runs out.
- John T. Cull has been hired as Chair of Language & Literature and professor of Spanish. He will fill the position vacated by Anne Gilfoil.
- Searches are on-going in economics and communication studies. Offers have been extended in accounting and entrepreneurship.

Ms. Harris said abstracts are due April 2 for Research Day (April 20). She will send out a call this week.