**Council of Chairs**

**October 16, 2018**

Present: Sandy Huguenin, Amelia Harris, Frank Frey, Amy Clark, Andy Cox, Tom Costa, John Cull, Jacob Somervell, Margie Tucker, Cathie Collins, Bryan Hoyt, Michael McNulty

Chip German and a group from UVA presented follow up information regarding Open Educational Resources, which was originally introduced to the group by Anita Walz from Virginia Tech in March. The state has mandated that we have a policy for the adoption and use of low-cost and no-cost open educational resources. Robin Benke provided a template that each institution can adapt as necessary. Chip encouraged UVa-Wise to focus on use, adaption of existing resources, creation and maintenance of such policy. It was agreed that UVa-Wise can work with UVA to draft an appropriate policy.

Chairs shared concerns that included lack of test banks and other instructor resources if they choose to use textbooks, etc. via open educational resources. Faculty members would want to make sure they were using quality materials and not having to create everything for their classes on their own. It was suggested by Mr. German’s staff to check into openstax.org. as an additional resource as it does have some instructor resources available. Mr. German shared that they are always available to answer questions and can refer our faculty to members of his team for further information as needed.

Mr. Huguenin summarized: we need to have a policy in place to comply with the new law and we need to help faculty know what’s available so they can choose what resources will work best for their classes and students.