Committee on External Academic Relations
(Charge as revised and approved by the Faculty Senate - November 18, 2009)

Composition:

Six members who are elected for two-year terms. Three members of the Committee should be senators, two others are elected from the faculty at-large, and one ex-officio member is the Provost's designee.

At the beginning of each academic year the Committee must meet to select the representatives to the Virginia Faculty Senate from among its members, excluding the ex-officio member. At least one of these representatives must be a senator. In case of vacancies, the Nominations Committee nominates the new members, and the Committee internally evaluates and possibly reallocates the assigned responsibilities.

Charge:

A. Represent GMU faculty at Virginia higher education faculty governance organizations, including the Faculty Senate of Virginia. The seats allocated to GMU at the Faculty Senate of Virginia are to be filled by members of CEAR.

B. Report to the GMU faculty senate on the proceedings of the Virginia Faculty Senate and voice back to this organization issues of relevance to GMU.

C. Gather information on key matters about higher education in state legislation, state committees, and local venues, and report back to the GMU Senate.

D. Provide forums and avenues for the exchange of ideas with representatives of SCHEV, state legislators representing Northern Virginia, and community groups related to higher education in Northern Virginia.

2017-2018 Membership

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Co-chairs: David Kravitz & Bethany Letiecq
I. **GMU Meeting with Representatives from the Administration**
   - Paul Liberty – Government and community relations, business outreach
   - Mark Smith – state government relations in Richmond

**GMU Priorities**

- **Compensation and Student Financial Aid**
- **Increasing funding per student** to be equitable with other VA universities. Mason receives $2-3,000 less per year per student, compared to other doctoral programs in Virginia.
- **Research and research funding.** Increase translational research; Maintain R1 status
- **Capital Construction:** Seeking to secure $10 million for wireless infrastructure – redundancy system, bandwidth
- **Building partnerships** (e.g., Mason-NVCC ADVANCE)...pathways to 4 yr institutions
- **Build counseling programs** specifically to better match veterans’ needs. (Focused on Masters in Social Work; from Administration)
- Online Virginia Network

II. **Faculty Senate Executive Team**

III. **Faculty Senate of Virginia (FSVA)**

10/28 Meeting in Richmond--Bethany Letiecq and Jessica Rosenberg attended

**FSVA Priorities**

- Two position Papers
  - 1) Budget: While incoming governor might make changes the budget is created by the outgoing governor so it is not expected that there will be a lot of surprises regardless of what happens with the election.
    a. Faculty and staff salaries
    b. Student financial aid
  - 2) FSVA-AAUP shared issues:
    a. Support “enabling legislation” for granting tuition benefits for dependents
- Other concerns
  a. DACA-related (in-state tuition)
  b. Public comment at state BOV meetings (bill launched/AAUP supports)

IV. **Virginia Higher Education Advocacy Day (VHEAD)**

   - January 12, 2017

V. **VA Conference of the AAUP + FSVA**

   - Joint Conference at GMU
   - April 7, 2018