



**Higher Education Equipment Advisory Committee  
Roundtable Discussion  
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:00 p.m.  
General Assembly Building, 3d Floor East Conference Room**

The Higher Education Equipment Advisory Committee held its final meeting on December 17. At the meeting, representatives from Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University provided an overview of the institutions' service centers.

John Rudd shared Virginia Tech's list of service centers and related corporations. He said that costs are set based on a cost-recovery model, not to make a profit. He said that while the list is published, one would need to know where to look for it, so visibility is an issue.

David Bolling with the University of Virginia said that the University had annual revenues of approximately \$20 million from its cost centers. Federal research grants are the primary customers, and about \$0.5 million is generated externally from the private sector and other universities. He acknowledged that UVA's primary focus thus far had been internally focused, but that universities could probably change that approach.

Paul Fawcett with Virginia Commonwealth University said that VCU welcomes collaboration with other universities and the private sector. Companies find VCU's resources through reputation, or by a central website through their Office of Research. VCU also engages in outreach such as open houses at their core centers.

Delegate Lingamfelter thanked the participants for the information that they provided. He said that he was interested to learn about what other universities in Virginia were doing as it related to service centers. He also said that he would think about potential ideas for legislation in the 2015 Session of the General Assembly, and would circulate any proposals to interested parties for feedback.