VCU Federal Relations Overview and 2020 Legislative Outlook
ABOUT VCU GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
DC/Richmond Based

• Tell VCU’s story to policymakers
  – Student success
  – Research strengths
• Weigh in on policy and federal funding
• Ensure VCU has a seat at the table
Resource to Campus

• Facilitate VCU communication with Congress, General Assembly, and respective agencies
• Congressional letters of support for grant applications
• Coach and prep for Capitol Hill/agency meetings
• Help getting “unstuck” with federal agencies
• Insights on political and legislative issues
• Relationship building with key agencies and offices
Telling the VCU Research Story in DC/GA

• Highlight VCU’s work that’s relevant to national, state, and local conversations
• Focus on concise, digestible outcomes
• How do federal, state, and local policies and regulations impact research/researchers?
• Compelling outcomes that demonstrate the value of federal research investment
How ReDAC Can Inform Policy

• Keep us updated on regulatory, legislative, and other issues on your radar
• Share policy ideas and identify issue experts
• Translate your research into policy recommendations
• Come to Capitol Hill, the General Assembly, and meetings at City Hall.
Help Me Help You

• Let us know when you’ll be in DC or at the GA whether with professional associations or on your own
• Check in with us before sending letters or otherwise communicating with Congress, GA members, and/or city officials in your official VCU capacity, or before inviting officials to campus
• Flag federal, state, and local policy and funding issues
• Use us as a resource!
2020 LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK
FY20 Appropriations

• Current continuing resolution expires December 20
• Agreement on top-line spending levels (though they aren’t public)
• TBD: details of funding bills, order of consideration, border wall funding
Questions?

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