**MINUTES**

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

December 7, 2017

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

MCV Campus

Virginia BioTechnology Center, Founder's Conference Room

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Virginia BioTechnology Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Gail Hackett

**Administration:** Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Joe DiPiro, Cecil Drain, John Leonard, Mark Schaefermeyer, David Sarrett, Elizabeth Ripley

**Faculty:** Ravi Perry, Gloria Bazzoli, Courtney Holmes, Hope Ginsburg, Brian Brown, Heinz Roland Weistroffer , Joan Pellegrini, Carlos Smith, Jose Alcaine, Greg Greenhalgh, Myung Jin, Blue Wooldridge, Nitai Mukhopadhyay, Susan Lindner, Victoria Menzies, Rachel Cloutier, Abigale Matulewicz, Shijun Zhang, Mary Secret, Chris Lemmon, Donna McClish, Chris Jackson, Amanda Echterling, Emily Hurst, Scott Street, June Nicholson

**Classified Staff:** Lauren Katchuk, Connie Peyton, Felita Tucker-Battle

**Students:** Alexandra Martelli, Jad Elahmad, Hassan Hafiz, Suraj Mishra, Kendra Nickerson, Aime Sankoh

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Sean Koebley

**Ex-Officio:** Deborah Noble-Triplett, Tina Webb

**Guests:** Linda Birtley, Alisa Brewer, Susan Carkeek, Al Copolillo, Donna Gibson, Meghan Gough, Jacqueline Kniska, Monika Markowitz, Christina Mancini, Jana McQuaid, Lauren Mortensen, Scott Oates, Chris Preuss, Reuban Rodriguez, Colleen Thoma, Rebecca Westfall

**Introductions**

Deborah Noble-Triplett, senior vice provost for academic affairs, called the meeting to order

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on October 5, 2017 were approved.

**Committee Reports and Approval of Action Items**

1. Academic Affairs University Policy Committee Report

**FOR ACTION**

1. **New Programs/Programmatic Changes:**
2. **Proposal to create a new doctoral degree program in Occupational Therapy (OTD),—***Dr. Cecil Drain, Dean, School of Allied Health Professions and Dr. Albert Copolillo, Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy* – **Approved**
3. **Proposal to modify the M.S. degree program in Criminal Justice—***Dr. Christina Mancini, Assistant Chair, Department of Criminal Justice, Wilder School* – **Approved**
4. **Proposal to offer a graduate certificate in Sustainability Planning—***Dr. Meghan Gough, Chair, Department of Urban/Regional Studies and Planning, Wilder School* – **Approved**
5. **Proposal to modify the M.Ed. degree program in Counselor Education—***Dr. Donna Gibson, Associate Professor, Department of Counseling and Special Education, School of Education* – **Approved**
6. **Proposal to change the degree designation of the M.Ed. in Sport Leadership to the M.S.L. in Sport Leadership—***Ms. Jana McQuaid, Executive Director, Masters Programs, School of Business* – **Approved**
7. **Policy Proposals:**
8. **Revised Conficts of Interest in Research Policy (Administrative)**—*Dr. Monika Markowitz, director, Office of Research Integrity and Ethics – NOTE – this policy was originally presented to the UC at its Oct. 2017 meeting* – **Approved**
9. **Timely Warning/Crime Alert Policy (Administrative)**—*John Venuti, Chief of Police and AVP for Public Safety, Ms. Rebecca Westfall, VCU Police Accreditation and Compliance Coordinator* – **Approved**
10. **Emergency Notification, Response, and Evacuation Policy (Administrative)**—*Chief Venuti and Ms. Rebecca Westfall* – **Approved**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.