**MINUTES**

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

October 5, 2017

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

MCV Campus, Virginia BioTech Center, Founder's Conference Room

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Virginia BioTech Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao, Gail Hackett

**Administration:** Doug Boudinot, Matt Conrad, Jay Davenport, Joe DiPiro, Cecil Drain, Sybil Halloran, Roz Hobson, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Alison Miller\*, Mike Porter\*

**Faculty:** Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Gloria Bazzoli, Sama Bilbao y Leon, Susan Bodnar-Deren\*, Brian Brown, Amanda Echterling, Joshua Galligan, Hope Ginsburg, Greg Greenhalgh, Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead, Les Harrison, Courtney Holmes, Chris Jackson, Chris Lemmon, Donna McClish, Libby McDaniel, Nitai Mukhopadhyay, Joan Pellegrini, Ravi Perry, Azhar Rafiq, Scott Ramsey, Mary Secret, Scott Street, Brian Verrelli, Heinz Roland Weistroffer , Sara Wilson McKay, Blue Wooldridge, Wei Zhang , Kristin Zimmerman

**Classified Staff:** Margaret Edwards, Connie Peyton, JaBari Scott, Eileen Truax

**Students:** Julian Bobb, Alexandra Martelli, Christopher Oltorik, Aime Sankoh, Keith Zirkle

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Sean Koebley

**Ex-Officio:** Alex Henson

**Guests:** Linda Birtley, Barbara Boyan, Tom Briggs, Shawn Brixey, Bill Cole, Linda Hancock, Cristen Jandreau, Mark Roberts, Reuban Rodriguez, Ryan Smith

1. **Approval of minutes**

Revised minutes from the University Council meeting on September 5, 2017 were approved.

1. **President’s Report**

President Rao began by reiterating his stance regarding the recent administrative changes to the Title IX policy: VCU will continue to enforce the original policies in the face of the changes. Although the number of sexual assaults on and around campus have increased, this speaks to an increase in awareness and in incident reporting. The university offers many resources regarding this subject and our students are aware. The president continued by mentioning his three strategic priorities, education, research, and patient care and the recent work being done in each, specifically the idea that our research will focus on overcoming access issues within the community and his recent visit to the renovated Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill. The report concluded with thanks from the council for the president’s immediate response to the American political climate changes.

1. **Committee Reports and Approval of Action Items**
   1. **Academic Affairs University Policy Committee Report**
      1. New Program Proposals and Programmatic Changes presented by Joan Pellegrini and Holly Alford

* Proposal to change the designation from the School of Allied Health Professions to the College of Health Professions*—Cecil Drain, dean, School of Allied Health Professions* **Approved**
* Proposal to change the designation from the School of Engineering to the College of Engineering*—Barbara Boyan, dean, School of Engineering* **Approved**
* Proposal to create a new graduate certificate in Public History*—Ryan Smith, professor and director of graduate studies, Department of History* **Approved**
  + 1. Policy Proposals presented by John Ryan and Holly Alford
* Revised Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy (BOV)*—Dr. Linda Hancock, director of the Well, and Justin Moses, associate vice provost for student affairs* **Approved**
* Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Policy (Adminstrative)*—Mr. Tom Briggs, assistant vice president for safety and management* **Approved**
* Revised Vehicle Safety Policy (Administrative)—*Mr. Tom Briggs* **Approved**
* Revised Conficts of Interest in Research Policy (Administrative)—*Dr. Cristen Jandreau, assistant director, Office of Research Integrity and Ethics* **Not approved, but will be discussed at next meeting**
* Post-Award Financial Management Policy (Administrative)*—Mr. Mark Roberts, director of grants and contracts accounting* **Approved**
  1. **Faculty Affairs Committee Report**

Mary Secret provided updates to the council. The committee is reviewing the definition of Shared Governance that is posted on the president’s website. This review will inform the implementation of a policy of shared governance. The committee is working with the Provost’s office to develop a framework or template for individual unit bylaws.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.