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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao, Fotis Sotiropoulos, Scott Street and Meredith Weiss

**Administration:** Cathleen Burke, Scott Breuninger, Jay Davenport, Karol Kain Gray, Aaron Hart, Grant Heston, Catherine Ingrassia, Susan Parish, Srirama Rao, and Gary Tepper

**Faculty:** Stephen Alcorn, Sompop Bencharit,Brian Brown,Lisa Brown, Sarah Jane Brubaker, Beth Bukosi, Denise Burnette, Everett Carpenter, Amita Chin, Kimberly Compton, Jody Cox, Carla-Mae Crookendale, Katherine Dabney, Kostadin Damevski, Marjolein Dewit, Rodney Dyer, Lindsay Evans, Kanako Iwanaga, Nancy Jallo, Susan Kornstein, Joyce Lloyd, Bettina Peacemaker, Peter Pidcoe, VaCora Rainey, Maria Rivera, Valerie Robholt, Oliver Speck, Yi Wen Wei, Larry Williams, Jeff Wilson, and Dayanjan Wijesinghe

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Apurva Tadimari Prabhakar

**Classified staff**: Peyton Burgess, Melissa Burton, Teresa Dulaney-Dewald, Brogan King, Amie Knapp, Hannah Steighner, Chris Straus, Jennifer Tennison, and Katina Velentzas

**Students:**: Mary Barazanchi, Sydney Biondi, Rachel Delgado, Sierra Suarez Friend, Christine Lee, Pratyush Narayen, Chineme Onukwughara, Anne Skelton, Brittany Spivey, and Jacob Sztraicher

**Ex-Officio and Guests**: Andrew Arroyo, Chelyen Davis, Chelsea Gray, Irene Herold, Alison Jones, Carly Katz, Javeria Kazi, Cleo Magwaro, Camillo Medina, Aashir Nasim, Patricia Perkins, Reuban Rodriguez, Mangala Subramaniam, Krystal Tang, and Deborah Noble-Triplett.

1. **President’s Report**

President Rao welcomed Council members to the third UC meeting of the academic year.

Dr. Rao discussed the importance of shared governance and the recent issue with the VCU branded beer. He discussed the process and noted steps are being taken so that these issues do not happen again. He thanked Everett Carpenter and Valerie Robholt for bringing this issue to his attention.

Scott Street provided an update on changes to current bylaws, noting updates will be made for review/approval at the April 2023 meeting. The survey is being reopened to allow for additional time to review/discuss the proposed changes. A general discussion followed.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting were approved.

1. **Committee Reports**

The Academic Affairs and University Policy Committee presented the following

programmatic changes, and new and revised policy proposals:

**Revised Financial Closeout of Sponsored Awards Policy**—Ms. Patricia Perkins, Associate Vice President for Finance and Mr. Camilo (Cam) Medina, Assistant Director, Grants and Contracts Accounting and Effort Reporting, University Controller’s Office, discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. With 87% “yes” votes and 13% abstentions, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the revised policy forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.

**Revised Post-award Financial Management Policy**— Ms. Patricia Perkins and Mr.

Camilo (Cam) Medina discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. With 87% “yes” votes and 13% abstentions, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the revised policy forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.

**New Lactation Policy**—Ms. Cleo Magwaro, Associate VP of IE and interim ASA

Coordinator, discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. With 100% “yes” votes, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the policy forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.

1. **Constituent Reports**

Sierra Suarez Friend provided an SGA Report. A general discussion followed.

Valerie Robnolt provided a Faculty Senate Report. She discussed faculty senate highlights and a general discussion followed.

Brogan King provided a Staff Senate Report. She discussed staff senate highlights and a general discussion followed.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.