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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 3 p.m. in the VCU Cabell Library, conference room 303 and via Zoom.

The following members and alternates were present:

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

**Administration:** Cathleen Burke, Jay Davenport, Susan Gooden, Joseph DiPiro, Jill Gordon, Irene Herold, Grant Heston, Tomikia LeGrande, Pam Lepley, and Constance Relihan.

**Faculty:** Sompop Bencharit,Brian Brown, Paul Bukaveckas, Beth Bukoski, Denise Burnette, Everett Carpenter, Kelsey Cheshire, Ross Collin, Mariah Crilley, Katherine Dabney, Holly Dean, Sarah Faris, Josh Galligan, Eric Hazelrigg, Catherine Ingrassia, Peter Kirkpatrick, Joyce Lloyd, Milos Manic, Edward Millner, Lathika Mohanraj, Nicole Omecene, Maria Rivera, Valerie Robholt, Chris Straus, Scott Street, Katharine Tibbetts, Christy Tyndall, David Webber,Jeff Wilson, Wenli Yan

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Chelsea Sawyers

**Classified staff**: Denia Lee-Hing, Amanda Simmons, Hannah Steighner, Jennifer Tennison, and Katina Velentzas

**Students**: Kamal Alhassan, Natalie Barr, Sydney Biondi, Julia Daum, Jordan James,

**Ex-Officio and Guests**: Delores Armstrong, Andrew Arroyo, Karen Belanger, Jason Block, Kathleen Blankenship, Chelyen Davenport, Karen Helderman, Alex Henson, Irene Herold, Jessica Hurley-Smith, Nancy Husson, Alison Jones, Javeria Kazi, Susan Kornstein, Suzanne Milton, Aashir Nasim, Reuban Rodriguez, Deborah Noble-Triplett, Vanessa Shepherd, and Richard Silwoski

1. **President’s Report**

President Rao welcomed Council members to the second UC meeting of the spring semester.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of February 3, 2022 were approved.

1. **Committee Reports**

The Academic Affairs and University Policy Committee presented the following programmatic changes, and new and revised policy proposals**:**

* **Revised Secondary Assignments (Overload Jobs) Policy (Administrative)** - Ms. Jessica Hill, Executive Director, Faculty Human Resources, Office of the Provost, discussed the proposed revised policy and responded to questions. With **41** “yes” votes, **1** “no” vote, and **7** abstentions, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the proposed revised policy forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
* **Revised Art on Campus Policy (Administrative) -** Ms. Jessica Hurley-Smith, University Architect, discussed the proposed revised policy and responded to questions. With **40** “yes” votes and **13** abstentions, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the proposed revised policy forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
* **New Hazing Prevention and Discipline Policy (Board of Visitors)** - Dr. Charles Klink, Senior Vice Provost for Student Affairs, discussed the proposed policy and responded to questions. With **47** “yes” votes and **2** abstention, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the proposed policy forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
* **Name change: School of Public Health to School of Population Health (Board of Visitors)** - Dr. Vanessa Sheppard, professor, Department of Health Behavior and Policy, School of Medicine, discussed the proposed name change and responded to questions. With **45** “yes” votes, **2** “no” votes and **2** abstentions, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the proposed name change forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
1. **Constituent Reports**
* Singith Perera provided an SGA Report. He discussed SGA highlights and a general discussion followed.
* Valerie Robnolt provided a Faculty Senate Report. She discussed faculty senate highlights and a general discussion followed. A Resolution on Defending Academic Freedom was introduced for discussion.. Scott Street, University Council parliamentarian, suggested the Faculty Senate work with University Counsel to get further direction.
* Hannah Steighner provided a Staff Senate Report. She provided an update on the upcoming Staff Appreciation Week, the Staff Senate Conference, and the nomination process for Staff Senate Awards.
1. **Cabinet Report**

Tomikia P. LeGrande, Ed.D.  Vice President for Strategy, Enrollment Management and Student Success, and Fotis Sotiropoulos, Ph.D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided a presentation on Recalibration of the Quest 2025 strategic plan. A general discussion followed and Drs. LeGrande and Sotiropoulos responded to questions.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.