

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

February 1, 2018

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Monroe Park Campus, University Student Commons, Virginia Rooms

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A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao

**Administration:** Kevin Allison, Doug Boudinot, Cathleen Burke, Andrew Daire, Jay Davenport, Charles Klink

**Faculty:** Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Gloria Bazzoli, Sama Bilbao y Leon, Amanda Echterling, Joshua Galligan, Hope Ginsburg, Les Harrison, Chris Jackson, Susan Lindner, Suzanne Makarem, Donna McClish, Libby McDaniel, Victoria Menzies, Nitai Mukhopadhyay, Joan Pellegrini, Ravi Perry, Ben Plache, Scott Ramsey, Mary Secret, Carlos Smith, Scott Street, Heinz Roland Weistroffer, Wei Zhang, Shijun Zhang, Kristin Zimmerman

**Classified Staff:** Agnes Chojecka, Lauren Katchuk, Connie Peyton, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle, Margaret Edwards

**Students:** Julian Bobb, Jad Elahmad, Hassan Hafiz, Alexandra Martelli, Aime Sankoh, Keith Zirkle

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Sean Koebley

**Ex-Officio:** Kevin Harris, Alex Henson, Deborah Noble-Triplett, John Ulmschneider

**Guests:** Tom Arodz, Linda Birtley, Elizabeth Brooks, Bill Cole, Jacqueline Kniska, Christen Landreau, Monika Markowitz, Melissa McKean, Sue Robb, Mark Roberts, Reuban Rodriguez, Gregory Triplett, Marc Vernon

**1. Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on December 7, 2017 were approved.

## 2. President's Report

The President made the following remarks:

### **SOTU 2018: Our Public University Will Serve the Public Good**

- Our charter asked us to “confront on an intellectual and practical level the social environment that surrounds [us]. To relate [our]self to the community and participate in the solution of existing problems.”
  - We remain steadfast to what we were charged to do 50 years ago.
  - Proud of all that we have accomplished. Look forward to what we will do now and in the future.

### **A great deal of progress was made in 2017. It will continue into 2018.**

- New budget process
  - Now in the second year of budget redesign.
- Substantial progress on HR redesign
  - Great Place: HR Redesign officially launched with the new year.
- Closing phase of Quest
  - Quest 2025: Together We Transform launches in August.
  - Please plan to attend and participate in town halls.
    - Dates will be announced.
- Make It Real campaign
  - Passed the \$575M mark and is on track to meet its set goal of \$750M. (77%)
- VCU Health System
  - Vision by Design
    - Will align and optimize faculty, staff and caregivers.
    - Scheduled to go before VCU Health BOD for approval late spring.
  - Strategic Master Facility Plan
    - VTCC will open to patients early 2018.
    - VTCC's former site will see the construction of an adult outpatient facility.
    - Collaboration with Sheltering Arms
      - ❖ 114-bed rehab hospital to be built in Goochland.
- Diversity and Inclusion VP search
  - Still underway.
- VP of Research and Innovation.
  - Will launch this spring.
- Master Facility Site Plan
  - Ayers Saint Gross hired to develop and manage planning process.
    - Worked with them in the past.
  - Started in the fall and will conclude at the end of 2018.
  - Town halls were held in the fall. Can join a mailing list to receive updates, [masterplan@vcu.edu](mailto:masterplan@vcu.edu).

- ICA
  - Scheduled to open in April.
  - Joe Seipel is interim director

### 3. Academic Affairs University Policy Committee Report

#### **FOR ACTION**

##### **New Programs/Programmatic Changes:**

- a) Proposal to create a new Post-Bacalaureate Certificate in Cybersecurity—*Dr. Gregory Triplett, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, School of Engineering and Dr. Tom Arodz, Graduate Program Director, Department of Computer Science, School of Engineering* – **Approved (unanimous)**
- b) Proposal to create a new Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Data Science—*Dr. Gregory Triplett and Dr. Tom Arodz*– **Approved (36 Y, 4 N, 4 S)**  
Note: Council member poses question of whether there will be further discussion. Answer is no, after tedious vetting process through several committees, no further discussion needed.

##### **Policy Proposals:**

- c) Post-Award Financial Extension and Closeout Policy (Administrative)—*Mr. Mark Roberts, Director of Grants and Contracts* – **Approved (unanimous)**
- d) Intellectual Property Policy (BOV)—*Ms. Sue Robb, Senior Vice President for Research Administration and Compliance* - **Approved (38 Y, 1 N)**
- e) Revised Research Misconduct Policy (Administrative)—*Dr. Monica Markowitz, Director, Office of Research Integrity and Ethics, and Dr. Cristen Jandreau, Assistant Director, Office of Research Integrity and Ethics* – **Approved (unanimous)**
- f) Financial Aid Recalculation Due to Withdrawal Policy (Administrative)—*Mr. Marc Vernon, Executive Director, Office of Financial Aid and Ms. Melissa McKean, Associate Director of Compliance and Reporting, Office of Financial Aid* - **Approved (unanimous)** Note: Marc Vernon defines informal withdrawal as absenteeism.
- g) Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid Policy (Administrative)—*Mr. Vernon and Ms. McKean* - **Approved (unanimous)**

### 4. Faculty Affairs Committee

**Mary Secret**

University Council supports the shared governance statement on the President's website.

**5. Staff Affairs Committee**

**Lauren Katchuk**

Staff Senate is preparing for Employee Appreciation Week.

**6. Other items for information**

None

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

3 to 5 p.m.

MCV Campus

VA BioTech Center – Founder’s Room