

## MINUTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

3:00-3:45 p.m.

A meeting of the University Council was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Zoom.

President Rao was absent. Dr. Meredith Weiss led the meeting. The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Scott Street, and Meredith Weiss

**Administration:** Scott Breuninger, Hernan Bucheli, Catherine Ingrassia, and KC Ogbonna

**Faculty:** Stephen Alcorn, Julie Arendt, Thomas Bryan, Tamara Buck, Riley Cain, Yana Cen, Carrie Connolly, Tivoli Dabney, Jacquelin Daniel, Jose Eltit, Ugochukwu Etudo, Braden Goddard, Jacob Goffnett, Sarah Golding, Stephanie Hart, Carolyn Hawley, Kanako Iwanaga, Anne Masich, Michel McClure, Maureen Moslow-Benway, Shillpa Naavaal, Javed Omer, Naomi Reddish, Maria Rivera, Valerie Robnolt, Michael Rosenberg, Dan Salandro, Oliver Speck, Roxanne Spindle, Talicia Tarver, Taryn Traylor, Christy Tyndall, Stacey Wahl, Jeff Wilson, Cesar Zamudio, Lei Xi, Yaoying, Xu, and Cesar Zamudio

**Classified Staff:** Thomas Bryan, Melissa Burton, Tivoli Dabney, Houston Griffith, Romina Gutierrez, Stephanie Hart, Rochelle Jordan, Christina Montgomery, Evandro Moreno, Louise Putnam, Maya Rogers, and Asia Shaw

**Students:** Patrick Agoeyevu, Emerson Hernandez, Samantha Mendoza-Hernandez, Doryan Slack, Janeth Llamas-Soto, Viet Nguyen

**Ex-Officio and Guests:** Rob DiRenzo, Alex Henson, Irene Herold, Karen Helderman, Jamie Stillman, and Mangala Subramaniam, Lisa Yamin

### 1. **President's Report**

No report from President Rao. Dr. Meredith Weiss led the meeting.

### 2. **Consent Items**

The minutes of September 5, 2024, were approved.

### 3. **Committee Reports**

The Academic Affairs Committee presented the following programmatic proposal: New Degree Program Proposal to establish a new MS degree program in Chaplaincy-Rev. Marilyn J.D. Barnes, Chair of the Department of Patient Counseling, College of Health Professions, Director of Pastoral Care, VCU Medical Center. The proposal was presented and with 85% “yes” votes, 12% “no” votes, and 3% “abstentions”, a motion was made and seconded to accept and move the proposal forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.

University Policy Committee had no formal committee report. Dr. Ogbanna says meetings are scheduled through December 2024.

#### **4. Constituent Reports**

Ms. Marie Michenkova provided an SGA Report, and a general discussion followed.

Dr. Maria Rivera provided a Faculty Senate Report, and a general discussion followed.

Ms. Maya Rogers provided a Staff Senate Report, and a general discussion followed.

#### **5. Closing**

Dr. Weiss mentioned that the next university Council meeting will occur on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 1:30 PM – to 3:00 PM. Please note the time change

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.