

## MINUTES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

MCV Campus, BioTech Center

Founders Room

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 3 p.m. at the BioTech Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Gail Hackett

**Administration:** Cathleen Burke, Jay Davenport, Joe DiPiro, Montse Fuentes, Charles Klink, Tomikia LeGrande, Constance Relihan, and Srirama Rao

**Faculty:** Sal Agosta, Alisa Brink, Michael Broda, Amanda Echterling, Mary Lou Hall, Courtney Holmes, Nancy Jallo, Andrea Kohashi, Susan Kornstein, Katie Logan, Abigale Matulewicz, Thomas Mayhew, Donna McClish, Jim McMillan, Victoria Menzies, Joan Pellegrini, Scott Ramsey, Elizabeth Ripley, Mary Secret, Scott Street, and Nancy Stutts

**Postdoctoral Scholar:**

**Classified staff:** Valarie Carter, Nick Fetzer, Connie Peyton, Ashley Staton, and Eileen Truax

**Students:** Jad Elahmad, Ryan Kotrch, and Michele Olson Pancoast

**Ex-Officio and Guests:** Elizabeth Brooks, Michael Cimis, Carolyn Conlon, Angela Duncan, Paula Gentius, Karen Helderman, Jacqueline Kniska, Angela Nicholas, Carla Nye, Squig Moore, Tony Rapchick, Susan Robb, Veronica Shephard and Nasibeh Zohrabi

### 1. President's Report

On behalf of President Rao, Dr. Hackett provided a brief report that included the following highlights:

- May 11, 2019 university-wide commencement: 5,000 graduates. Information on all ceremonies can be found at the site: [commencement.vcu.edu](http://commencement.vcu.edu).
- Graduation rates continue to increase. Over 7 years: 4-year grad rate increased by 47%/6-year grad rate increased by 18%. President Rao noted that his 7-year goal is for the 6-year graduation rate to reach 80%. He thanked everyone for their commitment to education and preparing our students for a bright future.

- Student Success Stories: 1) SPLASH! Pitch Competition held at last weekend's Something in the Water Festival (VCU da Vinci students Kayla Burkholder and Karlie Vogt won the Female Founder Award; and Joshnamaithili Seelam and Aniket Kulkarni won the Social Impact Award)
- American College of Cardiology Competition (VCU cardiology fellows representing the ACC's Virginia Chapter placed first in national competition, "Fellow-in-Training Jeopardy Competition: Battle of the States." Drs. Guru Kowlgi, Sampath Gunda and Pranav Mankad made up the team and competed against 34 ACC state chapters and Canada to place first.
- Dean Search (the interim dean for the College of Humanities and Sciences and the new dean for the College of Health Professions will both be announced soon)
- BOV Update (next session is May 10 and a new rector will be announced)
- The Market at 25<sup>th</sup> is now open (Markel-backed grocery store located at 25<sup>th</sup> and Fairmont Avenue in the East End; VCU Health has a "health hub" in the space and services at the facility will begin May 1. The neighborhood lacked access to fresh food and healthcare—VCU's commitment to serve RIC.
- CHoR inpatient facility (part of our goal of focusing on people, places and spaces; part of our goal of becoming national leaders in children's health; the new facility will be adjacent to the outpatient Children's Pavilion; a demolition celebration is scheduled for May 4)
- School of Nursing partnership (partnering with Southside Virginia CC and Rappahannock CC to offer accelerated coursework to RNs enrolled at the colleges)
- Make It Real Update (\$713 of \$750 million goal raised thus far; 298 new endowed scholarship and student support funds; 81 new endowed faculty support and research funds; and 57 new endowed chairs and professorships)

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on April 11, 2019 were approved.

## **3. Committee Reports**

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and University Policy Committee, Deborah Noble-Triplett discussed the following policy proposals:

1. Revised Criminal Conviction Investigations Policy (Administrative)—Ms. Cathleen Burke, Assistant VP for Human Resources and Ms. Squig Moore, Director of Employee Relations and Performance Management, Office of Human Resources, discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the revised policy and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.

2. Revised Tuition Benefits, Educational and Training Opportunities Policy (Administrative)—Ms. Cathleen Burke and Ms. Squig Moore discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the revised policy and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
3. New Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus Policy (Administrative)—Mr. Michael Cimis, Director of Environmental Health & Safety, discussed the policy and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and approved (to include one nay vote) to accept the policy and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
4. Revised Delegation of Signatory Authority Policy (Board of Visitors)—Dr. Paula Gentius, Senior Executive, Office of the President, and Ms. Elizabeth Brooks, Office of the University Counsel, discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the revised policy and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
5. Proposal to create a new B.S. degree in Health Services—Dr. Angela Duncan, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Community Engagement, College of Health Professions, discussed the proposal and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the proposal and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
6. Substantial modification to the current Nursing M.S. degree program—Dr. Carla Nye, Director, Master's Program, Department of Family and Community Health Nursing, School of Nursing, discussed the modification and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the substantial modification and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.

Mary Secret recognized members of the Faculty Affairs Committee and thanked them for their service this academic year. A general discussion followed.

Michele Olson Pancoast provided a Student Government Association report. She discussed the SGA's efforts in getting some bills and six resolutions passed this academic year. A general discussion followed.

Scott Street provided a Faculty Senate Report, to include: 1) the October 18, 2019 Faculty Symposium, and 2) encouraging everyone to donate to the Black & Gold & U fundraiser ([go.vcu.edu/bgy](http://go.vcu.edu/bgy)). A general discussion followed.

Nick Fetzer provided a Staff Senate Report, to include: 1) next career development conference scheduled for Spring Break 2020; and 2) elections to be held in late May. A general discussion followed.

#### **4. For Information**

Jay Davenport, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, provided a Development and Alumni Relations overview. A general discussion followed.

Tomikia LeGrande, Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management, provided a Strategic Enrollment Management Update. A general discussion followed.

It was noted that Jamie Stillman will post both power point presentations on the University Council Blackboard page.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.