**MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 6, 2018**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Monroe Park Campus, University Student Commons

Virginia Rooms

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao

**Administration:** Cathleen Burke, Matt Conrad, Tomikia Grande, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Andrew Daire, Joe DiPiro, Montse Fuentes, and Constance Relihan

**Faculty:** Christopher Woleben,Les Harrison, Dianne Jennings, Courtney Holmes,Hope Ginsburg, Brian Brown, Joan Pellegrini, Adai Tefera, Meera Mehtaji, Sherif Abdelwahad, Niraj Verma, Nitai Mukhopadhyay, Christine Wynd, Victoria Menzies, Abigale Matulewicz, Kristin Zimmerman, Miriam George, Mary Secret, Donna McClish, Mary Lou Hall, Katie Logan, Amanda Echterling, Andrea Kohashi, Brian Verrelli,Scott Street, Nancy Jallo, Holly Alford, and Susan Kornstein

**Postdoctoral Scholars:** Sean Koebley

**Classified staff:** Valarie Carter, Agnes Chojecka,Nick Fetzer, Ashley Staton, Connie Peyton, JaBari Scott, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle, and Margaret Edwards

**Students:** Sam Ahmed, Anish Bachhu, Mekdes Charles, Jad Elahmad, Ryan Kotrch, and Brandon LaReau

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

**Guests:** Kwesi Brookins, Bill Cole, Gypsy Denzine, and Vivek Kuruvilla

1. **President’s Report**

President Rao provided a brief report that included the following highlights:

* Quest for Distinction
* Quest 2025
* VCU ONE Master Plan
* Health System Strategic Master Facility Plan
* Partnership with GRTC
* Gladding Residence Center is now open
* Monroe Park is nearing completion
* MIR milestone
* VCU 50th Anniversary/November 30, 2018 Symposium
* Title IX
* DACA
* LGBTQ students, faculty and staff
* Monuments to the Confederacy at VCU
* Respect
* Priorities/Vision for VCU and VCU Health System

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on May 3, 2018 were approved.

1. **Membership caucuses**

Attendees were asked to break into their respective groups (Administrators, Faculty, Student, Staff) and sign up for the following committees: Committee on Academic Affairs and University Policies, Committee on Faculty Affairs, Committee on Student Affairs, Committee on Classified Staff Affairs, and the University Council Bylaws Revision Committee.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.