

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

April 7, 2016
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Monroe Park Campus, University Student Commons
Virginia Rooms

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

Administration: Alex Henson, Leila Christenbury, Jean Giddens, Kevin Harris, Alex Henson, Charles Klink, Deborah Noble-Triplett, John Ulmschneider, Niraj Verma

Faculty: Anne Chandler, Alisa Brewer, Ross Collin, Carrie Connolly, Dave Dixon, Brendan Dwyer, Hani El-Kaderi, David Fauri, Rachel Flurie, Josh Galligan, Chris Jackson, Victoria Menzies, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Carmen Rodriguez-Hernandez, Mary Secret, Wayne Slough, Patricia Sobczak, Fernando Tenjo-Fernandez, Wei Zhang

Classified Staff: Christine Costello (absentee), Lauren Katchuk, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle

Students: Kejdi Abazi, MaryBeth DeMarco, Hyunjung Hwang, Anny-Claude Joseph, Megan Peter, Sarah Roher, Suraj Telhan, Keith Zirkle

Guests: Ed Acevedo, Robert Andrews, Tom Arodz, Krzysztof Cios, Kimberly Davis, S. Douglas Pugh, Jacqueline Kniska, Ann Nichols-Casebolt, Reuban Rodriguez, Juanita Sharpe, Kathleen Shaw

For Approval (Consent Item) - All items approved

1. Minutes of a meeting held March 3, 2016: *Juanita Sharpe* - Approved, with an amendment (*one voting member attendance noted*)
2. Proposal to create a new Ph.D. in Computer Science, School of Engineering: *Krzysztof "Krys" Cios* - Approved
3. Proposal to create a Graduate Certificate in Care Coordination, Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care: *Kimberly Davis* - Approved

For Review

4. Proposal to create a post-baccalaureate graduate Certificate in Health Behavior Coaching, Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences: *Ed Acevedo* - Ed Acevedo was present to answer any questions regarding the proposal to create a post-baccalaureate graduate Certificate in Health Behavior Coaching in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences. There was a question on the floor relating to GPA requirements for the certificate. Ed replied that students will have to meet the graduate program requirements as reviewed by the graduate faculty committee.
5. Proposal to rename the Department of Management to the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, School of Business: *Doug Pugh* – Doug Pugh presented information regarding the proposal to rename the Department of Management to the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship in the School of Business. The change would provide a beacon for students and allow external people to identify this focus in the department. There were no questions on the floor.

6. Revision to the Postdoctoral Scholars Policy and Procedures: *Ann Nichols-Casebolt*– Ann Nichols-Casebolt was present to answer any questions regarding the revision to the Postdoctoral Scholars Policy and Procedures. The revision wouldn't change the policy, but make it more concise and in line with current policies and procedures. There were no questions on the floor.
7. Shared Governance Statement: *Mary Secret* – Mary Secret presented to the council the shared governance statement and stated that it was to be read as a philosophy rather than a mandate. The statement has been shaped to be meaningful and address collaboration, transparency, and trust. There were no questions on the floor.

For Information

8. VCU Campus Climate Survey: *Kathleen Shaw* – Kathleen Shaw was present to introduce and answer any questions about the VCU Campus Climate Survey. The survey, which is focused on diversity and inclusion, serves as a reflection of where the university is today and where it wants to go in the future, therefore, participation is highly encouraged. There were a few questions on the floor regarding a concern about anonymity in the responses and how the data will be reported back to the individual schools.

Announcements

9. Deborah Noble-Triplett was introduced to the council as the new Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. Deborah will become an active participant at University Council meetings and looks forward to getting to know everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Next Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2016
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
VA BioTechnology Center
800 E. Leigh St.
Ball Conference Room