

**Dec. 4, 2014**

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Larrick Student Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao, John Wiencek

**Administration:** William Decatur, Cecil Drain, Angela Duncan, Marti Heil, Pamela Lepley, Wanda Mitchell, Luke Schultheis, Niraj Verma, Quincy Byrdsong, Alex Henson, John Olmschneider

**Faculty:** Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Cristina Bares, Carrie Connolly, John Cyrus, Dave Dixon, Hani El-Kaderi, David Fauri, Stephanie Goldberg, Chris Jackson, Paula Kupstas, Allen Lee, Jeffrey Legg, Alison Montipetit, June Nicholson, Fay Parpart, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Faye Prichard, Scott Street, Brian Verrelli, Wei Zhang, Shijun Zhang, Jose Alcaine, Josh Galligan

**Classified staff:** Valerie Carter, Christine Costello, Jennifer Elswick, Stacy Garnett, Sonia Marcoccia, Pamela Mason, Katherine Poarch, Eileen Truax, Valarie Tucker-Battle, Lauren Katchuk, Eleanor Sharp

**Postdoctoral students:** Adele Doperalski

**Students:** Mariam Azim, Carley Langley, Destinee Moragne, Sagar Shah, Suraj Telhan, Will Thompson

**Guests:** Maike Philipsen, Lex Tartaglia, Jayaraman Vijayakumar, Matt Conrad, Michelle Wise, John McNeil, Linda Birtley, Elizabeth Woodhead, Ann Nichols-Casebolt, Daynon Smith, Daniel Woodward, Brian Shaw, Raina Fields, Reuban Rodriguez, Juanita Sharpe

## Items for Action

### Previous meeting minutes

Minutes of a meeting held November 6, 2014: **Approved.**

### President's Report

President Rao touched on the issue of compensation and stressed that the issue has and will remain on the forefront of conversations between Dr. Rao, Bill Decatur and John Wiencek. The budget model conversation continues to take place on campus. Dr. Rao said there are heavy investments that need to be made now, but we have to make sure we have a tighter link between the mission and vision of the organization and making sure we have the resources to support the university appropriately.

Dr. Rao also noted the many advancements that have been made over the past 5 1/2 years. For example, the Division for Inclusive Excellence was established and we have seen advancements and changes in development since Marti Heil has come on board. He also stressed that we need to have a fair share of infrastructure as a research institution. Part of where we are lacking is with the total square footage available.

Finally, Dr. Rao noted the search for a new provost and asked that everyone provide feedback because it is important to know what people in the campus community think. Ultimately, this will be someone with whom we all have a relationship with.

## For Approval (Consent Items) – All items approved

Minutes of a meeting held November 6, 2014: *Dr. Rao* – **Approved**

Proposal to Create a New Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree in the School of Nursing: *Ann Hamric* – **Approved**

Policy Revision on University Approval Levels Guide: *Juanita Sharpe* – **Approved**

Policy Proposal for Compliance with U.S. Export Control Laws: *Frank Macrina and Susan Robb* – **Approved**

Policy Proposal for Compliance with NSF and NIH Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Requirements: *Frank Macrina and Susan Robb* – **Approved**

Proposal to Close Two Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificates: Transportation Planning and Analytics and Planning Information Systems from the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs: *Sarah Brubaker* – **Approved**

## For Review

### **Updated Conduct of Human Subjects Research Policy: Frank Macrina and Sue Robb**

Sue Robb was there to answer any questions regarding the policy. There weren't any questions on the floor.

### **Updated Principal Investigator Eligibility Policy: Frank Macrina and Sue Robb**

Sue Robb was there to present and answer any questions on the policy. There weren't any questions on the floor.

### **Proposal to repurpose and rename the Institute for Structural Biology, and Drug Discovery and Development: Frank Macrina and Umesh Desai**

Umesh Desai was there to present the policy and answer any questions. There weren't any questions on the floor.

## Items For Information

### **Expansion of the University's Non-Discrimination Statement: Wanda Mitchell**

Dr. Mitchell spoke to the Council about the expansion of the policy to include gender identity. They are also looking at the non-discrimination policy to have it vetted through various groups.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35.