

**MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

February 4, 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, February 4, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Gail Hackett, Michael Rao

**Administration:** Leila Christenbury, Kevin Harris, Alex Henson, Marti Heil, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Wanda Mitchell, Luke Schultheis, Brian Shaw, John Ulmschneider, Niraj Verma, Madelyn Wessel

**Faculty:** Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Alisa Brewer, Nita Bryant, Carrie Connolly, Dean DeLuke, Gurpreet Dhillon, Hani El-Kaderi, TyRuben Ellingson, David Fauri, Rachel Flurie, Josh Galligan, Stephanie Goldberg, Chris Jackson, Leonard Jackson, Katherine Mansfield, Victoria Menzies, Jessica Mittler, Nancy Morris, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Mary Secret, Wayne Slough, Patricia Sobczak, Scott Street, Jeremy Stultz, Fernando Tengo-Fernandez, Brian Verrelli, Wei Zhang

**Classified Staff:** Christine Costello, Lauren Katchuk, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Nathalie Houssin

**Students:** Kejdi Abazi, MaryBeth DeMarco, Anny-Claude Joseph, Megan Peter, Suraj Telhan, Keith Zirkle

**Guests:** Kevin Allison, Robert Andrews, Linda Birtley, Robert Clarkson, William Cole, Alena Hampton, Alison Jones, Justin Moses, Michael R. Porter, Meghan Resler, Reuban Rodriguez, Laura Rugless, Juanita Sharpe, Megan Thurston, Kevin Wade

President's Report – President Rao began the meeting by discussing the Make It Real fundraising campaign, moving around resources for the university's budget, the top priority of the Governor's budget being a new Allied Heath, pharmaceutical engineering, and STEM building, and a note on the importance of diversity and inclusion.

For Approval (Consent Item) - All items approved

1. Minutes of a meeting held December 3, 2015: *Michael Rao* – Approved
2. Policy Proposal on Employee-Student Consensual Relationship (Interim Policy): *Madelyn Wessel* – Approved

For Review

1. Proposal to change the name of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism to the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine: *John Nestler* – John Nestler was present to answer any questions regarding the proposal to change the name of the Endocrinology and Metabolism to the Division of

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism in the Department of Internal Medicine in the School of Medicine. There were no questions on the floor.

2. Policy Proposal on Safety and Protection of Minors: *Cathy Howard* – Cathy Howard presented information regarding the policy proposal on Safety and Protection of Minors. According to Dr. Howard, the policy ensures that minors on campus are overseen in a fashion that is appropriate, healthy, and safe for everyone. There were no questions on the floor.
3. Policy Proposal on Immunization Requirements for Health Sciences Students: *Alena Hampton* – Dr. Alena Hampton was present to answer any questions regarding the policy proposal on immunization requirements for Health Sciences students. There were no questions on the floor.
4. Policy Proposal on Sexual Misconduct/Violence and Sex/Gender Discrimination: *Madelyn Wessel* and *Laura Rugless* –Madelyn Wessel and Laura Rugless presented information and were available for questions regarding the policy proposal on Sexual Misconduct/Violence and Sex/Gender Discrimination. There were no questions on the floor.
5. Proposal to revise the Policy Approval Process at the University Council: *Juanita Sharpe* – Juanita Sharpe presented and was available for questions regarding the proposal to revise the approval process policy for the University Council. According to Dr. Sharpe, the change will allow input from the Council earlier on in the policy review process of future policies. There were two comments on the floor that related to ensuring staff and student input as well.

#### For Information

1. Shared Governance Statement: *Mary Secret* – Dr. Mary Secret, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, presented the statement on Shared Governance. She took questions and comments from the floor; she plans to use this feedback, and the feedback from other constituency groups, to enhance the statement. According to the statement, Shared Governance is an organizational model that establishes which university groups have primary responsibility for leading the decision-making process on university matters, while promoting transparency, open communication, joint strategic planning, metrics, and checks and balances.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48.

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