

Feb. 5, 2015

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Ballroom of the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

Officers: Michael Rao, John Wiencek

Administration: Quincy Byrdsong, William Decatur, Cecil Drain, Alex Henson, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Wanda Mitchell, Niraj Verma

Faculty: Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Bob Andrews, Nita Bryant, Carrie Connolly, Dave Dixon, Brendan Dwyer, Hani El-Kaderi, David Fauri, Andrea Ferreira-Gonzalez, Josh Galligan, Stephanie Goldberg, Chris Jackson, Peter Kirkpatrick, Paula Kupstas, Allen Lee, Jeffrey Legg, June Nicholson, Fay Parpart, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Faye Prichard, Kurt Stemhagen, Scott Street, Brian Verrelli, Wei Zhang, Shijun Zhang

Classified staff: Valerie Carter, Christine Costello, Linda Johnston, Pamela Mason, Valarie Tucker-Battle

Students: Carley Langley, Destinee Moragne, Sagar Shah, Will Thompson

Guests: Anne Buckley, William Cole, Umesh Desai, Anjour Harris, Alison Jones, Napoleon Peoples, Juanita Sharpe, Leigh Small, Daniel Woodward

Items for Action

Previous meeting minutes

Minutes of a meeting held December 4, 2014: **Approved.**

President's Report

President Rao began the meeting with a moment of silence to recognize Tom Huff. After the moment of silence, Dr. Rao discussed the arrival of the new provost and he recognized John Wiencek for his service and noted that he will continue to be active and engaged around the university. The new Provost, Gail Hackett, will be on board in March and Dr. Rao noted that she will be getting to know everyone and begin to build important relationships.

Dr. Rao recognized the wonderful work of the government relations office during this session for this session of the general assembly, which was focused heavily on healthcare.

Dr. Rao concluded his remarks by discussing Title IX, which is an area that the university is still working on. It has been a big topic of discussion at the legislature and we are happy that Bill Decatur is close to making a decision on picking someone for institutional equity.

For Approval (Consent Items) – All items approved

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

Updated Principal Investigator Eligibility Policy: **Approved**

Proposal to repurpose and rename the Institute for Structural Biology, and Drug Discovery and Development: **Approved**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35.