

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**  
February 2, 2017  
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 2, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao

**Administration:** Doug Boudinot, Cathleen Burke, Cecil Drain, Jean Giddens, Sybil Halloran, Kevin Harris, Marti Heil, Alex Henson, Charles Klink, Pam Lepley, Francis Macrina, Deborah Noble-Triplett, John Ulmschneider

**Faculty:** Sal Agosta, Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Gloria Bazzoli, Alisa Brewer, Ben Darter, TyRuben Ellingson, Rachel Flurie, Joshua Galligan, Greg Greenhalgh, Stephanie Goldberg, Sterling Hundley, Allen Lee, Donna McClish, Libby McDaniel, Victoria Menzies, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Ravi Perry, Mary Secret, Patricia Sobczak, Scott Street, Fernando Tenjo-Fernandez, Heinz Roland Weistroffer, Jennifer Wayne, Blue Wooldridge, Shijun Zhang

**Classified Staff:** Christine Costello, Sania Marcoccia, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle

**Students:** Samuel Ahmed, Tyler Goins, Connor Jarrendt, Chris Richardson, Zaid Shaikh, Thomas Tatum

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Stacey Wahl

**Guests:** Elizabeth Brooks, Susan Carkeek, Bill Cole, Scott Davis, Paula Gentius, Reuban Rodriguez, Michele Schumacher, Jim Yucha

**President's Report:** *Michael Rao*- Dr. Rao began the meeting by recapping the State of the University address. He stressed the need for VCU to continue the difficult work. He said the HR redesign is right on schedule and we should be hearing more about that shortly. Dr. Rao recognized the success of the campaign kickoff the University had last year. The Make it Real campaign was very well received. He thanked Marti Heil and her team for all their hard work, as she will be retiring.

Dr. Rao spoke about the economic impact report. VCU generates nearly \$6 billion in economic activity and supports 63,000 jobs in Virginia. He also touched on VCU expanding their online learning.

## 1. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 1, 2016-**Approved**

## 2. Committee Reports and Approval of Action Items - All items approved

- a. Academic Affairs University Policy Committee Report-Deborah Noble-Triplett and Tyler Goins- Deborah Noble-Triplett discussed how the Academic Affairs Committee will continue to present the highlights of the policies up for approval at the meetings. Tyler Goins would present on behalf of the Academic Affairs University Policy Committee. Scott Davis was in attendance for any questions that could not be answered by the committee.
  - i. Organizational Websites, Management and Hosting: *Scott Davis* – This policy addresses general design, required content, branding, accessibility, content management, security, design and browser compatibility and covered domains. The purpose is to create a strong and unified identity for VCU. Also to provide a welcoming experience for all visitors by providing consistent, secure, accessible and mobile friendly Websites. This policy does not cover all VCU websites. Personal websites, blogs, online course materials, research websites, web applications, and websites that are intended primarily for restricted, internal audiences are excluded from this policy. **Approved**

## 3. Information Items

- a. Strategic Planning –Deborah Noble Triplett spoke to the council about post quest. The listening sessions have concluded, there were 12 total. Participants expressed great interest in the strategic plan. The most suggested broad themes were community engagement, diversity, and student support, financially and academically.

She spoke about the next steps and what is happening. The steering committee has formed and they will lead the effort. Also, an advisory committee will be formed. They would like to expand on high level topics like “Community Engagement.” She opened the floor to questions.

- b. University Council bylaws revision- Deborah Noble Triplett spoke to the council about the necessity of revising the University Council bylaws. She suggested that a work group come together to draft revision recommendations. A need for clarity is what has driven this topic. She opened the floor to questions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

### Next Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2017

3 to 5 p.m.

Medical Campus

VA BioTechnology Center, Ball Conference Room

800 E. Leigh Street