

**Minutes**  
**AGENDA**  
**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

May 7, 2015

3:00-5:00 pm

Medical Campus, Larrick Center, Court End Ballroom

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Larrick Student Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:**

Michael Rao

**Administration:**

Quincy Byrdson, Angela Duncan, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Luke Schultheis, Niraj Verma, Christine Walter-Thomas, John Ulmschneider

**Faculty:**

Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Bob Andrews, Carrie Connolly, John Cyrus, Dean DeLuke, Dave Dixon, Brendan Dwyer, Hani El-Kaderi, David Fauri, Josh Galligan, Chris Jackson, Paula Kupstas, Allen Lee, Nancy Morris, June Nicholson, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Kurt Stemhagen, Blue Wooldridge, Shijun Zhang

**Classified Staff:**

Valerie Carter, Lauren Katchuk, Pamela Mason, Katherine Poarch, Eileen Truax, Valarie Tucker-Battle, Elizabeth Woodhead

**Students:**

Julie Charbonnier, Sagar Shah, Suraj Telhan

**Guests:**

Cathy Bradley, Jan Chlebowski, William Cole, Anna Docherty, Alison Jones, Napoleon Peoples, Reuban Rodriguez, Juanita Sharpe, Brian Shaw, Daynon Smith, Daniel Woodward

**President's Report-** President Rao began the meeting reminding Council members to attend Commencement on Saturday. He also spoke briefly the next phase of quest, which will focus on 3 instead of 4 themes, and the increasing graduation rates among students. Dr. Rao gave special thanks to Luke Schultheis for his hard work in Strategic Enrollment Management and striving to attract students with the higher credentials to attend VCU.

Dr. Rao recognized Bob Andrews and Napoleon Peoples, who are both retiring. He thanked both Bob and Napoleon for their longevity with the University and the service they each provided. He also recognized June Nicholson for her work as outgoing faculty senate president. He also recognized Holly Alford, who will assume the faculty senate role in August and Sonia Marcoccia who will be the staff senate president again for 2015-2016.

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

1. Minutes of Meeting held April 2, 2015
2. Proposal to create the VCU Johnson Center for Critical Care and Pulmonary Research
3. Proposal to merge the Department of Behavioral Health and the Department of Healthcare Policy and Research to create the Department of Health Behavior and Policy, School of Medicine
4. Proposal to rename the Social and Behavioral Health Doctoral Program to the Social and Behavioral Sciences Doctoral Program, School of Medicine
5. Proposal to create the Department of Focused Inquiry in the University College
6. Proposal to create a graduate Certificate in Medical Physics, School of Medicine
7. Proposal to create a Certificate of Completion in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
8. Proposal to create a Certificate of Completion in Leadership Studies
9. Proposal to transition the MS in Rehabilitation Counseling (48 credits) into a (60 credits) MS in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, School of Allied Health Professions
10. Proposal to establish a Dual PhD Degree between the University of Cordoba and VCU's Computer Science Program, School of Engineering
11. Proposal to revise the University Council Bylaws

The meeting adjourned at 3:21.