

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

May 5, 2016

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Medical Campus, VA BioTechnology Center  
Ball Conference Room

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Virginia BioTechnology Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao

**Administration:** Cathleen Burke, Leila Christenbury, Jean Giddens, Ed Grier, Kevin Harris, Marti Heil, Alex Henson, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina

**Faculty:** Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Ross Collin, Dave Dixon, Hani El-Kaderi, TyRuben Ellingson, David Fauri, Josh Galligan, Karen Gau, Leonard Jackson, Victoria Menzies, Nancy Morris, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Faye Prichard, Carmen Rodriguez Hernandez, Mary Secret, Jeremy Stultz, Fernando Tenjo-Fernandez

**Classified Staff:** Valarie Carter, Christine Costello, Eileen Truax

**Students:** Joseph Anny-Claude, Megan Peter, Ryan Ortizo, Keith Zirkle

**Guests:** Kevin Allison, Robert Andrews, Susan Carkeek, Bill Cole, Karol Kain Gray, Ann Nichols-Casebolt, Steven Douglas Pugh, Joann Richardson, Reuban Rodriguez, Juanita Sharpe

President's Report/Comment: Michael Rao " President Rao began the meeting by welcoming Karol Gray, the new CFO, VP for finance. He also recognized Professor June Nicholson for her induction into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame. Nicholson has been influencing mass communication and journalism students for 31 years.

Dr. Rao spoke of the plans of helping shape the Richmond community with the upcoming developments. This includes the new Allied Health Professions building and the new STEM lab. In addition the strides we have made with inclusion and diversity. There is also good systems and structures in place for the public campaign launching in September.

Dr. Rao also noted the upcoming Commencement ceremony on May 14. Pam El a VCU graduate is the executive vice president and chief marketing officer at the NBA, will be the honorary degree speaker.

For Approval (Consent Item) - All items approved

1. Minutes of a meeting held April 7, 2016: *Michael Rao* - Approved

2. Proposal to create a post-baccalaureate graduate Certificate in Health Behavior Coaching, Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences: *Joann Richardson* - Approved
3. Proposal to rename the Department of Management to the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, School of Business: *Doug Pugh* - Approved
4. Revision to the Postdoctoral Scholars Policy and Procedures: *Ann Nichols-Casebolt* - Approved
5. Shared Governance Statement: *Mary Secret* - Approved

For Information

6. Holly Alford presented David Fauri with a plaque, for his 33 years he has been with VCU.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Next Meeting  
Thursday, September 1, 2016  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
University Student Commons  
Virginia Rooms