

Nov. 6, 2014

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

Officers: Michael Rao, John Wiencek

Administration: Angela Duncan, Niraj Verma, Cecil Drain

Faculty: Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Bob Andrews, Nita Bryant, John Cyrus, David Fauri, Stephanie Goldberg, Chris Jackson, Peter Kirkpatrick, Paula Kupstas, Allen Lee, Jeffery Legg, Will Pelfrey, Mary Shelden, Scott Street, Brian Verrelli, Wei Zhang, Melissa Abell, Jose Alcaine, Josh Galligan, Jeremy Stultz

Staff Senate: Stacey Garnett, Sonia Marcoccia, Pamela Mason, Katherine Poarch, Eileen Truax, Lauren Katchuk, Elizabeth Woodhead

Postdoctoral students: Christina Schier

Students: Miriam Azim, Meghan Wilson, Carmine DiMaro, Carley Langley, Destinee Morgane, Sagar Shah, Will Thompson

Statutory: Cathleen Burke, William Decatur, Pam Lepley, Michael Rao, Melissa Exum, Quincy Byrdsong, Michael Davis, Alex Henson, John Ulmchnieder

Guests: Susan Robb, Idella Glenn, Alison Jones, Seletra Sutherland, Juanita Sharpe, Doug Boudinot, Jen Elswick, Ann Hamric, Rania Fields, Danny Woodward, Anne Buckley, Brian Shaw, Rueben Rodriquez

Members in attendance: 62 total at the meeting

Items for Action

Previous meeting minutes

Minutes for a meeting held October 2, 2014: **Approved.**

President's Report

President Rao began with an update on the McGrath Award. VCU was the 2014 recipient of the award for [Working Together to Transform Lives through Pharmacist Collaborative Care and Outreach in the Community \(PCOC\)](#). Dr. Rao commented on the great work the pharmacy department is currently doing as well as other work going on around the university. He noted that, as an institution, we are doing more than ever with our commitment to community engagement. The award winning video was shown to members.

As we become more recognized as a University, our commitment to community engagement aligns with Quest and the final four initiatives we have to focus on, including the importance of sustainable resources. President Rao also mentioned the 40+ member budget taskforce that has been created to help shape the new budget model.

A few weeks ago the university was invited to converse with a small group of people from the Academy of Arts and Sciences. The group gathered together to talk about future of higher education. Dr. Rao felt there was more attention and interest towards VCU (which was not the same several

years ago). One message shared was that public research universities need to find a way to gain public support that we have lost.

For Approval

Policy on Exposure and Breach of Information: proposed by Alex Henson – **Approved**

For Review (Consent Items)

Proposal to Create a New Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree in the School of Nursing
proposed by Ann Hamric

Policy Revision on University Approval Levels Guide
proposed by Juanita Sharpe

Policy Proposal for Compliance with U.S. Export Control Laws
presented by Susan Robb

Policy Proposal for Compliance with NSF and NIH Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Requirements
proposed by Susan Robb

Proposal to Close Two Post-Baccalaureate Guide Certificates: Transportation Planning and Analytics and Planning Information Systems from the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
presented by William Pelfrey

Items For Information

Welcome and Introduction (by John Wiencek) of the new Director for Diversity Education and Retention Initiatives, Ideall Glenn.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30.