

**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

October 1, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Medical Campus
VA BioTechnology Center, Ball Conference Room
800 E. Leigh Street

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the VA BioTechnology Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

Officers:

Gail Hackett

Administration:

Matt Conrad, Charles Klink, Francis Macrina, Jerome Strauss, Niraj Verma

Faculty:

Holly Alford, Kyungeh An, Hani El-Kaderi, TyRuben Ellingson, David Fauri, Josh Galligan, Chris Jackson, Leonard Jackson, Melissa Jamerson, Allen Lee, Jessica Mittler, Nancy Morris, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Faye Prichard, Mary Secret, Wanye Slough, Patricia Sobczak, Jeremy Stultz, Fernando Tenjo-Fernandez, Wei Zhang

Classified Staff:

Valarie Carter, Christine Costello, Sania Marcoccia, Erin Stanforth, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle

Postdoctoral Scholars:

Anna Docherty

Students:

Kejdi Abazi, MaryBeth DeMarco, Gaurav Gupta, Paul Lee, Ryan Ortizo, Megan Peter, Malcolm Richardson, Keith Zirkle

Guests:

Alison Baski, Bill Cole, Christina Lindholm, Justin Moses, Simon Okoth, Susan Robb, Reuban Rodriguez, Juanita Sharpe

President's Report - On behalf of President Rao, Provost Gail Hackett welcomed the University Council.

For Approval (Consent Item)

1. Minutes of a meeting held September 3, 2015: *Gail Hackett* – Approved, with an amendment (*one voting member attendance noted*)

For Review

2. Proposal to change the degree name from the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Arts, School of the Arts: *Christina Lindholm* – Christina Lindholm presented a proposal to change the degree name from the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Arts, in the School of the Arts.

3. Proposal to confer department status to the Political Science program, College of Humanities and Sciences: *Alison Baski* – Alison Baski presented a proposal to reinstate department status to the Political Science program. It was stated that this program and the Sociology program lost their status as departments after the Wilder School, formerly under the College, gained independence. There were no questions on the floor.
4. Proposal to confer department status to the Sociology program, College of Humanities and Sciences: *Alison Baski* – Alison Baski presented a proposal to reinstate department status to the Sociology program. There were no questions on the floor.
5. Proposal to create a new Doctor of Policy and Leadership Degree, Wilder School: *Simon Okoth* – Simon Okoth presented a proposal to create a new Doctor of Policy and Leadership Degree for the Wilder School. No standardization test will be required, but background and experience of the prospective student will be part of the application review. There was a discussion on details about the doctoral program.
6. Policy Proposal on Research Data Ownership, Retention, Access and Security: *Sue Robb* – Sue Robb presented information on the Research Date Ownership, Retentions, Access and Security policy proposal. There were no questions on the floor.
7. Policy Proposal on the Honor System: *Charles Klink* – Charles Klink was there to present and answer any questions on the policy. There was a question on the floor regarding disciplinary actions and student records.

Dr. Hackett opened the floor for announcements. Reuban Rodriguez announced the VCU Qatar Day event held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. This annual event welcomes guests from the VCU Qatar campus.

Juanita Sharpe announced the New Degree Program Workshop held on Friday, October 16, 2015. The workshop will discuss ways to create cohesive and strong proposals for new degree programs.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm.

Next Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2015
3 to 5 p.m.
Monroe Park Campus
University Student Commons, Virginia Rooms