

**Oct. 2, 2014**

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Larrick Student Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao, John Wiencek

**Administration:** William Decatur, Cecil Drain, Angela Duncan, Marti Heil, Pamela Lepley, Wanda Mitchell, Luke Schultheis, Niraj Verma, Quincy Byrdsong, Alex Henson, John Olmschneider

**Faculty:** Holly Alford, Kyungh An, Cristina Bares, Carrie Connolly, John Cyrus, Dave Dixon, Hani El-Kaderi, David Fauri, Stephanie Goldberg, Chris Jackson, Paula Kupstas, Allen Lee, Jeffrey Legg, Alison Montipetit, June Nicholson, Fay Parpart, Supathorn Phongikaroon, Faye Prichard, Scott Street, Brian Verrelli, Wei Zhang, Shijun Zhang, Jose Alcaine, Josh Galligan

**Classified staff:** Valerie Carter, Christine Costello, Jennifer Elswick, Stacy Garnett, Sonia Marcoccia, Pamela Mason, Katherine Poarch, Eileen Truax, Valarie Tucker-Battle, Lauren Katchuk, Eleanor Sharp

**Post-doc students:** Adele Doperalski

**Students:** Mariam Azim, Carley Langley, Destinee Moragne, Sagar Shah, Suraj Telhan, Will Thompson

**Guests:** Maike Philipsen, Lex Tartaglia, Jayaraman Vijayakumar, Matt Conrad, Michelle Wise, John McNeil, Linda Birtley, Elizabeth Woodhead, Ann Nichols-Casebolt, Daynon Smith, Daniel Woodward, Brian Shaw, Raina Fields, Reuban Rodriguez, Juanita Sharpe

## Items for Action

### Previous meeting minutes

The minutes of a meeting held September 3, 2014 were approved.

### President's Report

President Rap noted the status on state budget changes and changing resources around the University. He thanked university leadership, the legislature and Governor's office for their help in dealing with budget changes. We do have resources in a few areas that will help buffer the reduction on the academic side for this year, but will have to consider how things will be handled in the future.

Dr. Rao also noted the strong engagement and candor during the discussion about Quest at the faculty senate meeting, held earlier in the week. Dr. Rao noted that John Wiencek would give a presentation on where we stand with Quest. The conversations taking place at faculty senate and with University Council will have some bearing on what we should and should not focus on, and make our priorities moving forward. We have four themes and each theme has a lot of information. Different circumstances around VCU and the world will help determine how we look at each theme, and its importance. The focus will continue to be on student success.

Finally, Dr. Rao noted his conversation with the department chairs about faculty compensation. We need to think about what we have and what we need to help with student success. As we talk about the resource issue, the campaign we are launching will be critical to the students we attract to the University and our success. It will take resources in order to make it happen.

## **For Review (Consent Items)**

### **Policy Proposal on the Exposure and Breach of Information**

Alex Henson was present to answer any questions regarding the policy. There weren't any questions on the floor.

## **Items For Information**

### **Update on GPI**

An update on the Great Place Initiative was presented by Maiké Philipson

### **Quest for Distinction**

John Wiencek lead an interactive discussion with groups using Google Moderator. Each table worked together as a group to ask questions about Quest and its priorities.

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.