

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

September 1, 2016

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Monroe Park Campus, University Student Commons
Virginia Rooms

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

Officers: Gail Hackett, Michael Rao

Administration: Doug Boudinot, Cathleen Burke, Barry Falk, Jean Giddens, Alex Henson, Charles Klink, Pam Lepley, Francis Macrina, Deborah Noble-Triplett

Faculty: Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Gloria Bazzoli, Sama Bilbao y Leon, Ross Collin, TyRuben Ellingson, Rachel Flurie, Joshua Galligan, Stephanie Goldberg, Sterling Hundley, Chris Jackson, Leonard Jackson, Melissa Jamerson, Myung Jin, Allen Lee, Susan Lindner, Libby McDaniel, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Mary Secret, Heinz Roland Weistroffer, Carlos Smith, Patricia Sobczak, Fernando Tenjo-Fernandez, Brian Verelli, Blue Wooldridgez

Classified Staff: Christine Costello, Sania Maroccia, Evandro Moreno, Eileen Truax, Felita Tucker-Battle

Students: Samuel Ahmed, Benton Bristol, Katie Clark, Christine Galligan, Tyler Goins, Logan Hatchett, Connor Jarrendt, Jenna Pham, Zaid Shaikh, Thomas Tatum

Postdoctoral Scholar: Stacey Wahl

Guests: Thomas Briggs, Bill Cole, Kyle Dailey, Brendan Dwyer, Anjour Harris, Chris Ritrievi, Reuban Rodriguez

President.s Report/Comment: Michael Rao - President Rao began the meeting by discussing how change is on the horizon at the university. Dr. Rao spoke about the largest freshman class in the school's history and how good relationships built on trust and connection will help the university in the years to come. Dr. Rao also noted the big year ahead with the release of the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan, the beginning work of the HR Redesign plan, the capital projects for the Medical Campus, the final stretch of the Quest for Distinction, and the launch of the Make it Real Campaign.

For Approval (Consent Item) - All items approved

1. Minutes of a meeting held May 5, 2016: *Michael Rao* - Approved

For Information

2. **Capital Campaign:** *Chris Ritrievi*- Development and Alumni Relations Senior Associate Vice President, Chris Ritrievi showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Make it Real Campaign for VCU. On Sept. 23, VCU is opening its doors to the community in celebration of the public launch of the campaign. This is the largest fundraising campaign in the university's history. The Make it Real Campaign will run until June 2020.

3. **Membership caucuses:**Holly Alford shared with members of the Council how to sign up for the following committees: Committee on Academic Affairs, Committee on Faculty Affairs, Committee on Student Affairs, Committee on Classified Staff Affairs.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2016

3 to 5 p.m.

Medical Campus

VA BioTechnology Center, Ball Conference Room

800 E. Leigh Street