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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

VCU Student Commons, Virginia Rooms

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 3 p.m. at the VCU Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Gail Hackett

**Administration:** Cathleen Burke, Andrew Daire, Joe DiPiro, Karol Kain Gray, Jennifer Inker, Charles Klink, and Constance Relihan

**Faculty:** Michael Broda, Amanda Echterling, Miriam George, Mary Lou Hall, Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead, Sterling Hundley, Jenny Inker, Nancy Jallo, Andrea Kohashi, Susan Kornstein, John Leonard, Katie Logan, Abigale Matulewicz, Thomas Mayhew, Donna McClish, Meera Mehtaji, Nicole O’Pries, Archana Pathak, Joan Pellegrini, Scott Ramsey, Scott Street, Nancy Stutts, and Brian Verrelli

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** Sean Koebley

**Classified staff:** Stacy Metz,Connie Peyton, Ashley Staton, Eileen Truax, and Felita Tucker-Battle

**Students:** Jad Elahmad, Hassen Hafiz,Ryan Kotrch, Brandon LaReau, and Charles Mekdes

**Ex-Officio and Guests:** Tegwyn Brickhouse, Gypsy Denzine, Alexia Guzman, John Horigan, Alex Henson, Anthony Rapchick, Reuban Rodriguez, Susan Robb, Veronica Shepherd, Ashraf Tantawy, John Ulmschneider, and Don Young

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on March 14, 2019 were approved.

1. **Committee Reports**

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and University Policy Committee, Gail Hackett discussed the following policy proposals and name change request:

1. Revised Conduct of Human Subjects Research Policy (Administrative)—Mr. John Horigan, Director, Human Research Protection Program, Office of Research and Innovation, discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the revised policy and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
2. Revised Delegation of Signatory Authority Policy (Board of Visitors)—Mr. Anthony Rapchick, Program Manager, Policy and State Compliance in the Integrity and Compliance Office, discussed the revised policy and responded to questions. Karol Kain Gray noted that comments from the Academic Affairs and University Policy Committee would be revisited and this policy will be deferred to the next UC meeting in May.
3. Request to change the name of the Department of Oral Health Promotion and Community Outreach*—*Dr. Tegwyn Brickhouse, Interim Chair, Department of Oral Health Promotion and Community Outreach, School of Dentistry, discussed the request and responded to questions. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the request to change the name of the Department of Oral Health Promotion and Community Outreach to the Department of Dental Public Health and Policy and move it forward for review and approval by the VCU Board of Visitors.
4. **Constituent Reports**

Jad Elahmad provided a Student Government Association report. He discussed recent SGA elections and the April 20, 2019 Day of Service. A general discussion followed.

Scott Street provided a Faculty Senate Report, focusing on: 1) recent elections (President-Nancy Jallo; Vice President-Valerie Robnolt; Recording Secretary-Everett Carpenter; Corresponding Secretary-Maria Rivera; MPC Representative-Gaynel Sherrod; and MCV Campus Representative-Stephanie Call); 2) 2019 Faculty Senate Symposium (scheduled for October 18, 2019); and 3) Black & Gold & You (information can be found at [www.support.vcu.edu/bgy](http://www.support.vcu.edu/bgy)). A general discussion followed.

Ashley Staton provided a Staff Senate Report, focusing on recent elections. A general discussion followed.

1. **President’s Report**

President Rao provided a brief report that included the following highlights:

* May 11, 2019 university-wide commencement speaker is Andrew Florance, Founder, Director & CEO of CoStar. Awardees are: Frank Macrina (Presidential Medallion); Paul Gross, Marsha and Bill Ginther (Wayne Medals); and Sarah Izabel (BOV Award). Information on all ceremonies can be found at the site: commencement.vcu.edu.
* Dean Search for the School of Humanities and Sciences – interim leadership will be announced soon.
* Dean Search for the College of Health Professions-Lex Tartaglia is Acting Dean; nationwide search for permanent dean is underway.
* BOV Budget Update-budget requests impacting students, faculty and staff
* Make It Real Update ($712 of $750 million goal raised thus far; 298 new endowed scholarship and student support funds; 81 new endowed faculty support and research funds; and 57 new endowed chairs and professorships)
* ONE VCU Master Plan Update-College of Health Professions now open; progress continues on SOE Research Building and AOF; expect to break ground soon on in-patient children’s hospital; GA approved STEM Building (@Franklin Street Gym)
* VCU Health update-continued focus on people, places and spaces; performance in the top 10% among peer medical centers; increasing satisfaction among patients (based on access, experience and care—many consider VCU Health their “home” for healthcare)

1. **For Information**

Karol Kain Gray, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, provided a Budget and Finance Overview. She discussed the finance and budget mission and the following areas: Budget and Resource Analysis, Business Services, Procurement Services, Treasury Services, Controller. Her power point presentation also included: 1) major initiatives of the finance and budget team; 2) components of E & G; 3) highlights of the FY2020 budget plan and overview; 4) 2020 strategic priorities; 5) strategic reallocations; 5) undergraduate, graduate, and first professional tuition; and 6) mandatory fees. A general discussion followed.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.