# MINUTES UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2018 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Medical Campus, Virginia BioTechnology Center, Founder's Conference Room

A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Virginia BioTechnology Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

Officers: Gail Hackett

**Administration:** Doug Boudinot, Cathleen Burke, Joe DiPiro, Chuck Klink, John Leonard, Frank Macrina, Elizabeth Ripley

**Faculty:** Salvatore Agosta, Brian Brown, Rachel Cloutier, Amanda Echterling, Joshua Galligan, Greg Greenhalgh, Courtney Holmes, Sterling Hundley, Jenny Inker, Chris Jackson, Susan Lindner, Abigale Matulewicz, Donna McClish, Libby McDaniel, Nitai Mukhopadhyay, Joan Pellegrini, Carlos Smith, Scott Street, Heinz Roland Weistroffer, Blue Wooldridge, Wei Zhang, Shijun Zhang

Classified Staff: Agnes Chojecka, Lauren Katchuk, Connie Peyton, JaBari Scott, Eileen Truax

Students: Hassan Hafiz, Christopher Oltorik

Postdoctoral Scholar: Sean Koebley

**Ex-Officio:** Kevin Harris, Alex Henson, Deborah Noble-Triplett

Guests: Linda Birtley, Elizabeth Brooks, Bill Cole, Jacqueline Kniska, Reuban

Rodriguez

## **Provost's Report**

Dr. Gail Hackett, provost and vice president for academic affairs, called the meeting to order and provided updates on various university initiatives. The ongoing searches for the vice provost for Strategic Enrollment Management and deans of the School of Social Work and the University College are coming close to end, with offers being made to candidates. The search for a new senior vice provost for faculty affairs has just been launched. The search for the vice president for research and innovation is a presidential search and is ongoing. The provost went on to thank council members for their participation in the strategic planning process and

informed the body of upcoming town halls to discuss the progress made on the plan. The provost also provided an update regarding the university's partnership with the international recruiting organization, Navitas, noting that the contract had been finalized. The report concluded with the announcement of the unit of Student Success within the provost's office, being led by Dr. Maggie Tolan who previously served as assistant vice provost of academic advising in the Division of Strategic Enrollment Management.

## **Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on February 1, 2018 were approved.

### For Information

## Top Hat Demonstration

Alex Henson, Chief Technology officer, introduced a new technology that will enhance many academic and administrative tasks around campus. A Top Hat representative provided a demo for the Council.

### **Committee Reports and Approval of Action Items**

#### Special Committee to Review and Revise Bylaws

Faculty Senate president Scott Street notified the University Council that the special subcommittee has been reviewing bylaws that have not been revised in years, and believe that the timing of a revision aligns well with other university initiatives. The subcommittee will survey the members of the University Council for their input on the purpose of the University Council and to ensure that the new bylaws reflect the university's move forward and the desires of leadership.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018

3 to 5 p.m.

Monroe Park Campus, University Student Commons Virginia Rooms