MINUTES

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

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 5, 2019, at 3 p.m. at the University Student Commons.

The following members and alternates were present:

**Officers:** Michael Rao, Meredith Weiss, and Holly Alford

**Administration:** Peter Buckley, Cathleen Burke, Tomikia LeGrande, Charles Klink, and Constance Relihan

**Faculty:** Deidra Arrington,Mike Broda, Brian Brown, Everett Carpenter, Kim Curry-Lourenco, Mary Lou Hall, Nancy Jallo, Andrea Kohashi, Katie Logan, Hermine Maes, Thomas Mayhew, Donna McClish, Tom McNulty, Meera Mehraji, Edward Milner,Jonathan Moore, Lauren Pamulapati, Carrie Peterson, Peter Pidcoe, Valerie Robnolt, Mark Schaefermeyer, Jacqueline Smith-Mason, Nancy Stutts, Scott Street, Doug Sun, Christy Tyndall, Brian Verrelli, Matt Wallin, Christine Wyn and Kristin Zimmerman.

**Postdoctoral Scholars:** Sean Koebley

**Classified staff:** Delores Armstrong, Holly Dean, Pam Mason, Brian McNeill, Stacy Metz,Karen Mullins, Beni Myers, andSaher Randhawa

**Students:** Alexia Guzman, Udhanth Mallasani, Taylor Maloney, Shay Miller, and Tyler Williams

**Ex-Officio:** Alison Jones,Deborah Noble-Triplett and John Ulmschneider

**Guests:** Miles Gordon, Karen Helderman, Jordan James,Jacqueline Kniska,Ian Ramsey,SueRobb, and Ruben Rodriguez

1. **President’s Report**

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

* Welcome new members to the VCU community (Dean Susan Parrish in College of Health Professions)
* Announcement of colleagues in new leadership positions
* Welcome more than 30,000 students to VCU this semester (6,000 are new undergraduate students and 57% of new students are from minority populations)
* We educate and graduate more Pell-eligible and first-generation students than our peer universities in the commonwealth combined
* Quest 2025 and VCU ONE Master Plan are working in tandem to meet diverse needs of our students and patients
* Vision by Design (Strategic Plan; inpatient satisfaction scores have increased by 17% since last year/now positioned in the top quintile of all academic health systems nationally)
* The Make It Real Campaign for VCU has reached a major milestone. ($768.5 million has been raised; surpassed our goal of $750 million; reached our goal before the end date of June 30, 2020)
* We must never lose sight of our mission to provide a learning and healing environment that is equitable to all who come here to learn, live, create, collaborate and heal.
1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the University Council meeting on May 2, 2019 were approved.

1. **Other Matters**

Meredith Weiss, Vice President for Administration, provided an Administration Overview. She provided a power point presentation which highlighted administration priorities; the ONE VCU 2019 Master Plan; efforts to advance student and faculty success; the Front Doors project; new and future construction; the GRTC Partnership; public safety; and VCU’s Culture of Appreciation. A general discussion followed.

1. **Membership caucuses**

Attendees were asked to break into their respective groups (Administrators, Faculty, Student, Staff) and sign up for the following committees: Committee on Academic Affairs and University Policies, Committee on Faculty Affairs, Committee on Student Affairs, Committee on Classified Staff Affairs, and the University Council Bylaws Revision Committee.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.