A meeting of the University Council was held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Virginia BioTechnology Center.

The following members and alternates were present:

Officers: Gail Hackett, Michael Rao

Administration:
Matt Conrad, Alex Henson, Charles Klink, Madelyn Wessel

Faculty:

Classified Staff:
Valarie Carter, Christine Costello, Eileen Truax

Postdoctoral Scholar:
Anna Docherty

Students:
Hyunjung Hwang, Megan Peter, Keith Zirkle

Guests:
Barry Lanneau Jr., James McMillan, Jana McQuaid, Daphne Rankin, Reuban Rodriguez, Susan Robb, John Venuti, Danny Woodward

President’s Report – President Rao began the meeting by discussing recent events on diversity and inclusion at VCU and across the nation. He mentioned that at the center of making important changes to improve diversity and inclusion at the university are students and patients. An executive group has been charged to develop plans of progress. Dr. Rao also noted the upcoming Commencement ceremony on December 12, with more than 2,300 students graduating. In addition, he noted that Dr. Sheldon Retchin, former CEO of the VCU Health System, is the recipient of the Presidential Medallion. He closed his report by noting the need for facility upgrades and replacements on both campuses, and thanking Dr. Gail Hackett and Dr. Marsha Rappley for their leadership.

For Approval (Consent Item) – All items approved

1. Minutes of a meeting held November 5, 2015: Michael Rao - Approved
2. Proposal to create a Spin-off Program: Master of Decision Analytics: Jana McQuaid - Approved
3. Proposal to merge the Department of Special Education and Disability Policy with the Department of Counselor Education to form the Department of Counseling and Special Education: James McMillan - Approved
4. Policy Proposal on Camera Use: John Venuti - Approved
5. Policy Proposal on Records Management: Barry Lanneau - Approved
6. Policy Proposal on Awarding of Credit for Military Education: Daphne Rankin - Approved
7. Policy Proposal on Reporting SponsorInvestigator Investigational New Drug Applications (IND) or Investigational Device Exemptions Executive Summary (IDE): Sue Robb- Approved
8. Policy Proposal on Fraud Identification and Reporting Requirements: William Cole- Approved

For Approval (Consent Item) – All items approved

1. Policy Proposal on Employee-Student Consensual Relationship (Interim Policy): Madelyn Wessel – University Counsel, Madelyn Wessel, presented and was available for questions regarding an interim policy on employee-student consensual relationships. According to Counsel Wessel, this interim policy addresses all relationships and policies on persons of power and students, and will serve as a helpful guidepost for all employees.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Next Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2016
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monroe Park Campus, University Student Commons
Virginia Rooms