



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda – September 29, 2020

4:00 – 6:00 PM

<https://tinyurl.com/faculty-senate-vcu>

For complete minutes and related files, see: <http://www.facultysenate.vcu.edu/>

Please email ecarpenter2@vcu.edu with questions or corrections.

Procedural Items:

Call to order, Welcome

Nancy Jallo, President

(3 minutes)

Minutes from meeting September 1, 2020

Everett Carpenter, Recording Secretary

(2 minutes)

Shared Governance

1. GenEd

2. Term Faculty Report

3. Additional items

Provost Office Report

Gail Hackett, Provost for Academic Affairs

Elizabeth Ripley, Professor of Medicine Division of Nephrology

Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

(30 minutes)

4. REAL

Erin Webster Garrett

Assistant Vice Provost, REAL

(15 minutes)

5. Policy Process

Nancy Jallo, President Faculty Senate

Scott Street, Past President Faculty Senate

(5 minutes)

6. University Committees-Standing

Academic Continuity (Valerie Robnolt)

REAL (Pat Cummins)

VCU Strategic Research Priorities Planning (SRPP)

(Susan Bodnar-Deren; Maria Teves, Nancy Jallo)

University Budget Advisory Committee (Scott Street)

Others

(10 minutes)

Information

1. Mission and Offerings - Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence and Faculty Success (10 minutes)
Kim Case, Director of Faculty Success
Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence

2. University Faculty Grievance Panel (5 minutes)
Chair's Annual Report August 2019-August 2020
Blythe Alison Bowman Balestrieri
L. Douglas Wilder School of Government
Faculty Senate

Break (10 minutes)

Faculty Senate Committees and Discussions (30 minutes)
Valerie Robnolt
Faculty Senators

The following questions will be discussed in our breakout rooms.

- 1) How can we garner the assistance of VCU alumni in addressing some of the critical concerns facing the university at this time?
- 2) How are the faculty supporting students during this challenging time while also making sure that they are learning what they need to learn to meet the objectives of their courses. How are we receiving support and doing what we need to do to maintain our well-being?
- 3) What are some ideas for how to support our anti-racism goal. We've talked about doing faculty learning communities, but what are some other ways to facilitate learning and growing?

Anti-racism Statement of the VCU Faculty Senate:

The VCU Faculty Senate recognizes that structural and systemic racism across our educational and social institutions affect the psychological, physical, and spiritual well-being of our entire VCU campus and broader community.

The VCU Faculty Senate affirms the powerful statement made by Dr. Aashir Nasim to the Board of Visitors recognizing the lived experiences and rights of those who call attention to historical and present-day abuses of power and privilege. We pledge to fully support and help to implement the university initiatives identified in his report that are intended to eliminate bias, discrimination, and racism across our campus. *We as VCU Faculty Senators commit to learning about, developing, and engaging in concrete anti-racist work at both individual and collective levels to support our students, faculty, and staff, and to promote real and lasting change.*

Statement of Dr. Nasim:

https://news.vcu.edu/latest/key-issues/Remarks_by_Aashir_Nasim_PhD

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020 4-6pm Zoom