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Faculty Senate

VCU's Philosophy on Share Governance states:

"We value transparency in university and unit decisions such that the various constituencies of the university are aware of how decisions are made and the rationale for those decisions, which will ensure the university remains mission-focused." For this transparency to work, please share information with your constituents. The full statement is located at

https://president.vcu.edu/media/president/assets/pdfs/Univ_Council_Philosophy_of_Shared_Governance_Approved_May_4_2017.pdf.

Faculty Senate

Connecting faculty to VCU administration and to each other

The purpose of the Faculty Senate shall be the furtherance and dissemination of knowledge and professional skills through teaching, study, research, creativity, exhibition, performance, and provision of community service. An additional objective will be to help insure through investigation, examination, comment and recommendation that the educational goal of the University is being realized by the policies and procedures employed in the University.

Faculty Senate Meeting Bullet Points — September 3, 2019 University Student Commons, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

For complete minutes and related files, see: <http://www.facultysenate.vcu.edu/>
Please email Everett Carpenter (ecarpenter2@vcu.edu) questions or corrections.

Introduction to New Senators and Officers

President: Nancy Jallo, School of Nursing
Vice President: Valerie Robnolt, School of Education
Recording Secretary and Treasurer: Everett Carpenter, Humanities and Sciences – Chemistry
Corresponding Secretary: Maria C. Rivera, Humanities and Sciences – Biology
Monroe Campus Representatives: Gaynell Sherrod, VCUArts
MCV Campus Representatives: Stephanie Call, School of Medicine
Past President: Scott Street, Humanities and Sciences Statistical – Sciences

A complete list of senators and alternates can be found at
<https://facultysenate.vcu.edu/senators-and-officers/senators/>

Faculty Senate News (Dr. Nancy Jallo, President Faculty Senate)

- Approved Minutes from last April's meeting
- Dr. Marilyn Miller set to step down as chair of University Grievance Committee. Blythe Bowman-Balestrieri (Wilder School) was nominated and elected to take over.
- **Faculty Senate Symposia** October 18, 2019; Student Commons Commonwealth Ballroom: 9-4pm
- Faculty Senate representation
 - REAL Council – Everett Carpenter

- VCU Strategic Research Priorities Planning committee – Nancy Jallo
- University Council – Nancy Jallo, Valerie Robnolt, Scott Street, Everett Carpenter, and Patricia Cummins (alternate)
- Open letter from Out-going President W. Scott Street:
<https://facultysenate.vcu.edu/news/president-letter/>

Provost's report (Dr. Gypsy Denzine, Senior Vice Provost Faculty Affairs)

- Several executive searches going on currently and strongly encourages faculty to be engaged in the open forums and overall process
- 80 new faculty attended Orientation
- Continuing Faculty club at ICA (first meeting Friday Sept 6th 4-6)
- Dr. Kim Case now onboard as new Director of Faculty Success and serves as director of Center for Teaching Excellence

Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation report (Dr. Srirama Rao, Vice President of Research and Innovation)

- Presentation to be posted on facultysenate.vcu.edu
- Highlighted process to develop "Strategic Priorities to obtain national prominence"
- Discussed VCU commitment for Excellence in Research

Library Report (Dr. John Ulmschneider, Dean of Libraries)

- Presentation to be posted on facultysenate.vcu.edu
- Highlighted the cost of journal subscriptions
 - In 2019, VCU paid Elsevier along over \$2M in subscription fees
 - Developing a new model and wanting faculty input

Textbook Adoption and Sales Policy (Dr. Andrew Arroyo, Director of Academic Policy, Provost's office)

- Presentation to be posted on facultysenate.vcu.edu
- Highlighted the development of new policy to provide students with low or no cost alternatives to textbooks.

Next Meeting October 1, 2019 – Larrick Student Center

- Remember if you cannot make it please find an alternate
- And the meeting is open to all faculty