



# VCU

## Faculty Senate

**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda — April 2, 2019**  
**Court End Ballroom, Larrick Center, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**  
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**Present:**

Alcaine (EDUCATION), Alford (ARTS), An (NURSING), Arrington (ARTS), Artello (WILDER), Bodnar-Deren (HUMS & SCI), Bosco (BUSINESS), Boyes (HONORS), Branch (LIBRARIES), Brubaker (WILDER), Cales (UNIV. COLL.), Call (MEDICINE), Canfield (HUMS & SCI), Carpenter (HUMS & SCI), Coston (HUMS & SCI), Crookendale (LIBRARIES), Cumpston (MEDICINE), DeShazo (HEALTH PROF), Deshpande (MEDICINE, Alt. for Oh), DiazGranados (MEDICINE), Dixon (PHARMACY), Docef (ENGINEERING), Dzokoto (HUMS & SCI), Escalante (MEDICINE, Alt. for Ramsey), Faris (ARTS), Franzak (BUSINESS), Froitzheim (HUMS & SCI), Fuelein (UNIV. COLL.), Goldstein (HUMS & SCI), Gulla (ENGINEERING, Alt. for Wayne), Hogan (MEDICINE), Jallo (NURSING), Jethwani (DENTISTRY, Alt. for Bencharit), Jones (EDUCATION), Jones (HUMS & SCI), Kopryanski (ARTS), Kornstein (MEDICINE), Lockeman (MEDICINE), Manjili (MEDICINE), McDaniel (DENTISTRY), Mills (MEDICINE), Nadpara (PHARMACY), Olson (HUMS & SCI), Parham (HEALTH PROF), Pellegrini (DENTISTRY), Price (Retired Faculty), Rafiq (MEDICINE), Reichert (BUSINESS, Alt. for Bostian), Rivera (HUMS & SCI), Robnolt (EDUCATION), Rodriguez (HUMS & SCI), Saoud (VCU-QATAR), Schuman (MEDICINE), Secret (SOCIAL WORK), Sharma (MEDICINE), Shockley (NURSING, Alt. for Gregory), South (HUMS & SCI), Street (HUMS & SCI), Sun (MEDICINE), Teves (MEDICINE), Ulmer (VCU-QATAR), Wilson (EDUCATION), Yadavalli (ENGINEERING), Ye (HUMS & SCI)

**Absent:**

Bae (EDUCATION), Daugherty (HUMS & SCI), Frankenhoff (MEDICINE), Ghosh (MEDICINE), Goldberg (MEDICINE), Klein (ARTS), Middlebrooks (HUMS & SCI), Moslow-Benway (WILDER), Roberson-Nay (MEDICINE), Sherrod (ARTS), Stevenson (HUMS & SCI), Wang (MEDICINE), Wike (SOCIAL WORK)

**Procedural Items:**

**4:00 pm Call to order**

Scott Street, President

Street welcomed all Senators and guests and thanked all for coming to the meeting.

**Minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Jose Alcaine, Recording Secretary

Meeting minutes and information were distributed via email and are posted on the Faculty Senate website.

## **Faculty Senate Items:**

### **Vote on Academic and Professional Status Committee Changes**

Kristine Artello, Chair, Academic and Professional Status Committee, Scott Street, President

-A proposal was shared and put on the floor to split the Academic and Professional Status Committee into two committees, the Faculty Affairs Committee and Shared Governance Committee because of the work load and specific needs for each area.

-The motion was put on the floor and with no comments or discussion, the motion passed unanimously with a “yes” vote.

Shared governance committee

-This change will take effect next academic year

### **Faculty Senate President's Report**

Scott Street, President

-The new officers are in place for next year

\*President: Nancy Jallo

\*Vice President: Val Robnolt

\*Corresponding Secretary: Maria Rivera

\*Recording Secretary: Everett Carpenter

\*MCV Campus representative: Stephanie Call

\*MPC representative: Gaynell Sherrod

-Each school will send out a call for senator representatives from each area

-New officers and senators will take over on 16 August and the first general meeting will be held in early September

-The Board of Visitors met and the recommendations are for no tuition increase and a small fee increase (~\$53 per semester)

## **Guests:**

### **Walk-a-Thon - [walkathon.vcu.edu](http://walkathon.vcu.edu)**

Marquita Aguilar, Virginia's Caring University Scholarship Walk-a-Thon

-The annual event will take place on 25 April 2019

-If cannot attend, faculty can always donate to support the scholarship ([walkathon.vcu.edu](http://walkathon.vcu.edu))

-The scholarship benefits rising juniors and seniors who have a financial need

-Other criteria for at least a 2.7 GPA and there is an essay involved

-The deadline for submission is May 17<sup>th</sup>, and nominees are selected in July

-Financial aid does a check on financial need and every dime donated and awarded goes to each recipient's student account

### **Black & Gold & You — [www.support.vcu.edu/bgy](http://www.support.vcu.edu/bgy)**

Rich Spain, Development and Alumni Relations

-This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Black and Gold and You campaign

-One goal is to promote a culture of philanthropy and to collaborate with university employees to identify needs

-We do this because we believe in the mission of where we work and when people invest in their place of work, it is a valuable message when meeting with donors (almost 2,000 individual donors last year)

-Street will again promote a competition between Faculty Senate and Staff Senate

### **Provost Office Report — [provost.vcu.edu](http://provost.vcu.edu)**

Gail Hackett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

- VCU has contracted with Noodle with Wilder School and Social Work as pilots; will have an effort expedite growth
- There are a few finalists for searches, Qatar Dean, College of Health Professions Dean, and Faculty Success Position
- Finalist interviews are being scheduled for the Executive Director of the Global Education Office (GEO)
- Hackett mentioned she is very concerned with academic freedom and her responsibility is to make sure academic freedom is protected (she has heard comments about fear among faculty); she will not stand for retaliation for people speaking their mind
- This may be an issue among faculty around campus; Hackett If this is an issue she wants to know about it
- Hackett will talk to leadership to start addressing these issues

### **REAL Initiative Update — [provost.vcu.edu/initiatives/real](http://provost.vcu.edu/initiatives/real)**

Erin Webster Garrett, Assistant Vice Provost for REAL

- The goal is to collaboratively develop a VCU model for experiential learning and to promote the importance of co-curricular activities
- There is a REAL council and the representatives are on the Provost's website  
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- One role of the committee is to coordinate efforts not necessarily direct efforts

### **General Education Update — [provost.vcu.edu/initiatives/gened30](http://provost.vcu.edu/initiatives/gened30)**

Les Harrison (English), General Education Curriculum Committee Co-chair, Michael Rosenberg (Life Sci.), General Education Curriculum Committee Co-chair

- They are at meeting to share implementation efforts for the GenEd30 initiative
- If want to open Gen Ed course classes will have to be approved and be open to all in the university; Gen Ed will go with the student
- Faculty must also agree to have course assessed and must offer the course at least every year
- According to SCHEV, Gen Ed courses will require six outcomes (4 defined), 2 others can be defined
- Important: Gen Ed courses cannot have pre-reqs (unless Gen Ed courses); placement test for courses are okay
- Unit specific Gen Ed (9 credit requirements are going away)
- Further guidance will be provided from the Provost office in terms of implementation

### **Round Table Discussions (General Education)**

- Faculty discussed the Gen Ed initiative within their small groups/table

### **6:00 pm - Adjourn**

#### ***Next Meeting:***

***Tuesday, April 30, 2019 — 4:00 PM in the Court End Ballroom, Larrick Center***

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