



# VCU

## Faculty Senate

### Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda - October 27, 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](mailto:ecarpenter2@vcu.edu) with questions or corrections.

#### **Procedural Items:**

##### **Call to order, Welcome**

Nancy Jallo, President

**4:00-4:02**

##### **Minutes from meeting September 1, 2020**

Everett Carpenter, Recording Secretary

**4:02-4:05**

#### **Shared Governance**

##### **1. Provost Office Report**

Gail Hackett, Provost for Academic Affairs

**4:05-4:20**

##### **2. Faculty Senate Officers/University Committees-Standing**

**4:20-4:35**

FS President -Provost Search (Nancy Jallo)

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

FS Committee Chairs

##### **3. Feedback/Discussion FS Breakouts Sept 29,2020**

**4:35-4:50**

Valerie Robnolt

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#### **Information**

**4:50-5:05**

##### **1. Annual VCU Security Report**

Assistant Chief Nicole Dailey

##### **2. Budget Issues and Concerns**

**5:05-5:15**

Matt Conrad J.D. Executive Director, Government and Board Relations.

3. University Faculty Grievance Panel **5:15-5:20**  
Chair's Annual Report August 2019-August 2020  
Blythe Alison Bowman Balestrieri  
L. Douglas Wilder School of Government  
Faculty Senate

Directions for Faculty Senate Committee Discussion  
Valerie Robnolt

Break **5:20-5:25**

Faculty Senate Committees and Discussions  
Faculty Senators  
Link and Faculty Senate Committee Meetings\* **5:25-6:00**

Faculty Affairs  
Maria Teves (chair)

Shared Governance  
Neno Russell/Kristy Artello (co-chairs)  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/8115651931>

Academic Programs and Research  
Susan Bodnar-Deren (chair)

Diversity and Inclusive Excellence  
Sarah Jane Brubaker (chair)  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/98432217133?pwd=TGc0MzVqcnUremVvelA2Q0lkVEphUT09>  
Password: mHy=D8y8DE

Academic Support Services  
Valerie Robnolt (chair)  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/94023034957>

Alumni and Community Relations  
Gaynell Sherrod (chair)  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/94740617701>

Website and Social Media  
Ashley Brewer (chair)

Credentials and Rules  
Scott Street (chair)

State Legislative and Statewide Relations  
Carmen Rodriguez (co-chair)  
Pat Cummins (co-chair)  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/99218551793>

Student Affairs  
Chris Saladino (chair)

Economic Status, Budget, and Planning  
Roxanne Spindle (chair)  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/94129714209>

VCU Health Systems Relations  
Allison Gregory (co-chair)  
Vamsi Yadavalli (co-chair)

\* Other committee links will be provided

Requests for Faculty Senators:

1) The Domicile Appeals Committee requests a faculty member to serve as a voting committee member on this new committee. This Committee has the final authority at the university for all appeals related to domicile for tuition purposes. The responsibility for this committee has recently transitioned from Student Affairs to Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM). The committee meets once a month. The length of the meetings can range from a couple of hours to closer to four or five hours. It depends on the number of appeals the committee needs to review. Also, the appointment is for a 2-year term, although committee members can be reappointed for multiple terms.

2) Serve on a Promotion and Tenure Task Force to provide a report by the end of May covering: An analysis of the scope of issues for term and tenure-track faculty members at VCU regarding the current promotion and tenure process; and recommendations about how VCU should handle those issues in regards to (a) process changes we should be making, (b) policy changes needed to support the success of term and tenure-track faculty members, and (c) strategies for supporting a talented and diverse group of VCU faculty members through the promotion and tenure process. Jill Gordon, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs in the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs and Curtis Sessler, MD, Orhan Muren Distinguished Professor of Medicine and the Associate Chair for Faculty Development for the Department of Internal Medicine in the VCU School of Medicine, have agreed to serve as co-Chairs of the Promotion and Tenure Task Force and provide leadership to this important work.

Please let Nancy know and she will forward your name! Thanks!

**Next Meeting:** December 1, 2020 4-6pm Zoom

References:

September 29, 2020 Breakout Discussion Questions

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