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

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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 — October 1, 2019 Larrick Student Center, 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

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| 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 September meeting
- Attended first meeting of the OVPRI Strategic Research Initiative committee. Units have been requested to provide a one page report of the priorities of their unit to an upcoming all day retreat where they will review all the one page reports, and develop a list of strengths and opportunities to focus.
- During a meeting with the Provost, Provost Hackett mentioned concerns that

had been expressed to her that some faculty were unhappy that ~~with~~ the VCU ID only saying Staff or Student. A motion was proposed and seconded to recommend to her, that the two-classification system be changed to add a faculty designation. The motion was discussed and was passed with 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

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- **Faculty Senate Symposia** October 18, 2019; Student Commons Commonwealth Ballroom: 9-4pm

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
- The Term Faculty Taskforce has had its first meeting. A survey will be forthcoming to solicit input. So be on the look-out for a survey.
- The results of the COACH satisfaction survey are in the Provost's office and are being reviewed. The results are going to be shared later this semester. The survey was hosted by Harvard and had nearly 37% response rate from VCU faculty.
- In Oct 10, the Provost's office will host a Tenure and Promotion Reception for all newly promoted faculty. Details will be forthcoming.
- In November, there will be an Adjunct Faculty development day.
- Course Redesign is underway with four courses (a course in MATH, Entrepreneurship, Art and Nursing). Expect a funding opportunity in the spring for \$35K from the Provost's office to suggest and help support redesign of a course which has a high percentage of students struggling.

Office of Provost (Dr. Scott Oates, Director, Academic Program Integrity and Assessment)

- Learning Outcomes Assessment Policy Revision
- Presentation and proposed policy to be posted on facultysenate.vcu.edu
- Dr. Oates is asking faculty senators – What support and resources for faculty and chairs/designees do you suggest I provide for the implementation of the following policy.

REAL Executive Council is seeking input:

- Presentation to be posted on facultysenate.vcu.edu
- Dr. Erin Garrett Webster (Assistant Provost for REAL) is encouraging programs that may not have participated or may not have been able to give a full account of their experiential learning activities to reach out to me as soon as possible so that we can include their information in the Audit dashboard as we establish a baseline and develop standards, measures, etc. If errors or omissions are found please send the corrections to the Audit, email real@vcu.edu. Additionally, she would like their input on the dashboard as a tool that can be used by the departments in their own planning and reporting activities. What kinds of questions would the dashboard ideally be able to answer? Is there some information that should be locked down so that only

departments can see their own information? What features of other dashboards would be good to see here? What data points related to equity and inclusion would be useful? There is a link to the form where they can submit feedback: REAL Data Dashboard Feedback

- Any comments are appreciated, and you can send them to her directly, or to me (ecarpenter2@vcu.edu and I will keep your comments anonymous)

Next Meeting November 5, 2019 – Larrick Student Center

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