



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting Bullet Points — December 4, 2018 **Richmond Salons, Student Commons, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**

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

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

Faculty Senate President's Report (Scott Street)

- Street gave a report on his recent visit to the VCU Qatar Campus in Doha. It was exciting to learn about the campus and meet with faculty and their families. Street's slide set will be distributed and will be available on the Faculty Senate website
- The Qatar Campus, celebrating its 20th anniversary, started as a female school and now has about 340 female students and fewer than a dozen males. More information at Qatar.vcu.edu

Provost's Report (Gail Hackett)

- Hackett ceded time for Aashir Nasim to address the Senate with comments and concerns stemming from a student forum held on campus and organized by students. The students expressed their concerns to Nasim on pressing issues on diversity and inclusion
- Nasim asked the Senate to think of ways faculty can help infuse their practice with diversity and inclusion in mind. He mentioned students had asked about diversity and inclusion training and whether everyone including faculty should complete such training

Annual Faculty Status Report (Gail Hackett)

- Hackett gave a report on the status of the faculty via slides that showed relevant data. This presentation was shared by Street and is posted on the Faculty Senate website
- There is some way to go for increasing diversity in faculty. Turnover at VCU is comparable to national trends

Campus Safety (John Venuti)

- Venuti gave a report on campus safety and mentioned that RMC Events is the new security company
- Campus police is working on testing the siren system and will go to a quarterly or biennial testing system
- VCU police jurisdiction expansion is in the works and will include areas between the Monroe and MCV Campuses
- There will be a reduced schedule for the Campus Connector and faculty and staff are encouraged to use the Pulse
- Visit police.vcu.edu for more information on the police department and associated programs

Faculty Senate Committees and Roundtable Discussion Topics (Nancy Jallo)

- Jallo asked attendees to discuss prompt questions on diversity and inclusion at each table. The comments would be collected at the end of the meeting.