



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting Bullet Points — January 29, 2019 **Lecture Hall Room 303, J. Branch Cabell Library, 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.

Provost's Report (Gail Hackett)

- Open searches include the Executive Director of Audit and Compliance and Executive Director of the Global Education Office
- VCU is listed on the top rated institutions by the Center for Measuring University Performance (previously housed at Arizona State University)

Athletics Update (D'Arcy Mays, Ed McLaughlin)

- VCU is doing well by all accounts with regards to student athletes and athletic programs and there are no major violations
- There is a dire need for new facilities including the need for an indoor/outdoor tennis center, field house, soccer practice fields, and a new ballpark
- No set timeline for plans for facilities on the Boulevard

Government Relations Update (Matt Conrad)

- The Office of Government Relations represents the interests of VCU and MCVHS with national and state policy makers
- A major victory this year includes the expansion of VCU police jurisdiction between the MPC and MCV campuses
- VCU is seeking increases to student financial aid, faculty salary differentiation, and construction funds for the STEM building
- In Virginia funding for higher education per capita is low but for capital improvements it is much higher
- The Office of Government Relations can facilitate letters of support for grants

Update on VCU and Teacher Certifications (Andrew Daire, Deborah Noble-Triplett)

- Universities in Virginia can now offer undergraduate degrees in education
- VCU School of Education will start offering undergraduate degrees in education in Fall 2019