



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda — January 29, 2019

Lecture Hall Room 303, J. Branch Cabell Library, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

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Present:

Alcaine (EDUCATION), Alford (ARTS), An (NURSING), Arrington (ARTS), Artello (WILDER), Bae (EDUCATION), Bodnar-Deren (HUMS & SCI), Bosco (BUSINESS), Branch (LIBRARIES), Brubaker (WILDER), Burgess (Adjunct Faculty), Cales (UNIV. COLL.), Call (MEDICINE), Campbell (HUMS & SCI), Carpenter (HUMS & SCI), Collins (HUMS & SCI, Alt. for Canfield), Crookendale (LIBRARIES), Cumpston (MEDICINE), Daugherity (HUMS & SCI), DiazGranados (MEDICINE), Docef (ENGINEERING), Dzokoto (HUMS & SCI), Escalante (MEDICINE, Alt. for Wang), Faris (ARTS), Frankenhoff (MEDICINE), Franzak (BUSINESS), Freyer (ARTS, Alt. for Koprinsky), Froitzheim (HUMS & SCI), Fueglein (UNIV. COLL.), Ghosh (MEDICINE), Goldberg (MEDICINE), Goldstein (HUMS & SCI), Gregory (NURSING), Hogan (MEDICINE), Jallo (NURSING), Jethwani (DENTISTRY, Alt. for Bencharit), Jones (HUMS & SCI), Klein (ARTS), Kornstein (MEDICINE), Lockeman (MEDICINE), Manjili (MEDICINE), Middlebrooks (HUMS & SCI), Mills (MEDICINE), Moslow-Benway (WILDER), Nadpara (PHARMACY), Oh (MEDICINE), Olson (HUMS & SCI), Pellegrini (DENTISTRY, Alt. for McDaniel), Price (Retired Faculty), Rafiq (MEDICINE), Ramsey (MEDICINE), Rivera (HUMS & SCI), Roberson-Nay (MEDICINE), Robnolt (EDUCATION), Rodriguez (HUMS & SCI), Schuman (MEDICINE), Secret (SOCIAL WORK), Sherrod (ARTS), Shockley (BUSINESS, Alt. for Bostian), Stevenson (HUMS & SCI), Street (HUMS & SCI), Sun (MEDICINE), Teves (MEDICINE), Wike (SOCIAL WORK), Wilson (EDUCATION), Yadavalli (ENGINEERING), Ye (HUMS & SCI)

Absent:

Coston (HUMS & SCI), DeShazo (HEALTH PROF), Dixon (PHARMACY), Jones (EDUCATION), Parham (HEALTH PROF), Sharma (MEDICINE), Wayne (ENGINEERING)

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 December 4th meeting

Jose Alcaine, Recording Secretary

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

Annual Faculty Senator Reapportionment Report

Joan Pellegrini, Chair, Credentials and Rules Committee

- Pellegrini explained the reapportionment report and some areas lost seats based on the census. Two seats are apportioned per school and a maximum per school is set at 20. One seat is apportioned for every 40 faculty.
- Holly Alford was nominated to serve as the Chair of the Nomination Committee.
- A motion was made, seconded, and Senators voted unanimously for Alford's nomination.

Faculty Senate President's Report

Scott Street, President

- Street introduced the guest speakers and yielded the floor.

Guests:

Provost Office Report - provost.vcu.edu

Gail Hackett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Open searches include the Executive Director of Audit and Compliance and Executive Director of the Global Education Office.
- Monica Orozco is on long term leave but others will cover in the interim as things continue in on-line efforts.
- If another government shutdown occurs, will try to mitigate any issues with students and faculty affected by providing relevant information as soon as available.
- VCU is listed on the top rated institutions by the Center for Measuring University Performance (previously housed at Arizona State University).

Athletics Update - www.vcu.edu/athletics

D'Arcy Mays, Faculty Athletics Representative to NCAA; Ed McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics

- VCU is doing well by all accounts with regards to student athletes and athletic programs.
- Various reports monitor change of grade data for student athletes versus change of grade university wide, as well as any clustering of majors. Statistics are tracking well and there are no major differences compared to the general student population.
- Things are good in athletics 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.
- Plans are in place for facilities on the Boulevard but there is no set timeline.

Government Relations Update - president.vcu.edu/government

Matt Conrad, Executive Director of Government and Board Relations

- The office represents the interests of VCU and MCVHS.
- A major victory includes the expansion of VCU police jurisdiction between the MPC and MCV campuses.
- This is a short General Assembly session and VCU is not expecting any major issues.
- VCU student population is 90% in-state and 30% Pell eligible, so changes in funding adversely affect VCU.
- 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.
- Faculty can become thought partners with the office and the Wilder School Office of Outreach can help translate research into policy briefs.
- The Office of Government Relations can also facilitate letters of support for grants

-Higher Education Advocacy Day had a good turn out and it is important to take part in the process and share perspectives.

Update on VCU and Teacher Certifications - soe.vcu.edu

Andrew Daire, Dean, School of Education; Deborah Noble-Triplett, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

- Teacher shortage is a national and state wide issue.
- Through efforts of the previous and current Governor, and by action of the General Assembly, universities in Virginia can now offer undergraduate degrees in education.
- The accelerated push is to start offering these programs in Fall 2019.
- VCU is answering the call and the School of Education will start offering this program with a planned Fall 2019 implementation; this has been an accelerated effort.
- Daire explained that over 20 years ago Virginia moved the undergraduate degrees out of the schools of education with the rationale that students would get a content degree in a discipline and then transition to a 5th year masters in education in the schools of education.
- To address the current teacher shortage this has been reversed and now schools of education can start offering undergraduate degrees in education again.
- In the fall a B.S. in education will be available; students can minor in other areas.

Faculty Senate Items:

Faculty Senate Committee Meetings

Committee Chairs.

Committees met to discuss their work.

6:00 pm - Adjourn

University-wide General Faculty Meeting with President Rao:

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 — 4:00 PM in the Court End Ballroom, Larrick Center

<https://maps.vcu.edu/mcv/larrickcenter/>

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 — 4:00 PM in Lecture Hall Room 303, J. Branch Cabell Library

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