



# VCU

## Faculty Senate

### **Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda — March 12, 2019**

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

<https://www.maps.vcu.edu/monroepark/cabelllibrary/>

#### **Present:**

Alcaine (EDUCATION), Alford (ARTS), An (NURSING), Arrington (ARTS), Artello (WILDER), Bencharit (DENTISTRY), Bosco (BUSINESS), Boyes (HONORS), Brubaker (WILDER), Burgess (Adjunct Faculty), Cales (UNIV. COLL.), Canfield (HUMS & SCI), Carpenter (HUMS & SCI), Crookendale (LIBRARIES), Cummins (HUMS & SCI, Alt. for Stevenson), Daugherty (HUMS & SCI), DeShazo (HEALTH PROF), Docef (ENGINEERING), Dzokoto (HUMS & SCI), Escalante (MEDICINE, Alt. for Mills), Faris (ARTS), Frankenhoff (MEDICINE), Franzak (BUSINESS), Froitzheim (HUMS & SCI, Alt. for Jones), Fueglein (UNIV. COLL.), Ghosh (MEDICINE), Goldstein (HUMS & SCI), Jallo (NURSING), Jones (EDUCATION), Klein (ARTS), Kopryanski (ARTS), Kornstein (MEDICINE), Lockeman (MEDICINE), Manjili (MEDICINE), McDonald (SOCIAL WORK), Middlebrooks (HUMS & SCI), Moslow-Benway (WILDER), Nadpara (PHARMACY), Oh (MEDICINE), Olson (HUMS & SCI), Parham (HEALTH PROF), Pellegrini (DENTISTRY, Alt. for McDaniel), Pepperl (ENGINEERING), Price (Retired Faculty), Rivera (HUMS & SCI), Roberson-Nay (MEDICINE), Robnolt (EDUCATION), Rodriguez (HUMS & SCI), Saladino (HUMS & SCI), Salgado (PHARMACY, Alt. for Dixon), Saoud (VCU-QATAR), Schuman (MEDICINE), Sherrod (ARTS), Siegel (LIBRARIES, Alt. for Branch), Street (HUMS & SCI), Sun (MEDICINE), Teves (MEDICINE), Ulmer (VCU-QATAR), Wayne (ENGINEERING), Wike (SOCIAL WORK), Wilson (EDUCATION), Yadavalli (ENGINEERING), Ye (HUMS & SCI)

#### **Absent:**

Bae (EDUCATION), Bodnar-Deren (HUMS & SCI), Bostian (BUSINESS), Call (MEDICINE), Coston (HUMS & SCI), Cumpston (MEDICINE), DiazGranados (MEDICINE), Goldberg (MEDICINE), Gregory (NURSING), Hogan (MEDICINE), Rafiq (MEDICINE), Ramsey (MEDICINE), Secret (SOCIAL WORK), Sharma (MEDICINE), Wang (MEDICINE)

#### **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 January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Jose Alcaine, Recording Secretary

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

## **Nominations Committee Report**

Holly Alford, Past President and Nominations Committee Chair

-Alford presented the slate of candidates for Senate Officers for the coming year.

-Slate of candidates (all nominees accepted their nomination to serve):

\*MCV Campus representative: Stephanie Call

\*MPC representative: Gaynell Sherrod

\*Corresponding Secretary: Maria Rivera

\*Recording Secretary: Everett Carpenter

\*Vice President: Val Robnolt

\*President: Nancy Jallo

-All office candidates and positions were presented and nominations were closed. No nominations were presented from the floor.

-There was no discussion from the floor and the slate of candidates was voted in the affirmative. New officers will begin on 16 August.

-Current officers will serve through the summer and through 15 August.

-Scott Street in his role as Immediate Past President will serve as the Board of Visitors liaison.

## **Guests:**

### **Provost Office Report — [provost.vcu.edu](http://provost.vcu.edu)**

Gail Hackett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

-Hackett praised the Senate leadership and exclaimed that she appreciates the good working relationship with the Senate

-Promotion and tenure reviews: the Hackett has done its review of candidates (Marsha Rappley does the reviews for the health systems)

-Hackett will make recommendations and once the President finishes his review process, the Board of Visitors makes the final approval at their May meeting.

-Hackett will let the candidates know of the decisions in the beginning of April

-The Dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences is moving to Iowa

-Hackett has asked the College for nominations for Interim Dean. Hackett will appoint the Interim Dean and will then appoint a search committee

-The search for the Dean for Health Professions is in its final stages

-The search for the Executive Director for GEO is on going and will conclude shortly as well as for the Dean for VCU Qatar

-VCU is hosting Carolyn Jarmon, Vice President of The National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT) to talk about major course redesign, lower course costs, and improve success, as well as lower the rates of non-completion

-Alex Henson is working on developing technology to do class attendance in large enrollment classes; more about this later and will roll it out in the fall

### **FOIA Requests — [news.vcu.edu/journalists/FOIA.aspx](http://news.vcu.edu/journalists/FOIA.aspx)**

Michele Howell, FOIA Officer

-Howell helps the VCU community with FOIA requests

-At VCU, consider the public record is everything

-There is a difference between a FOIA requests versus just questions

-There is no list of criteria for what constitutes FOIA requests but there are about 170 exceptions in FOIA, of which VCU uses about ten exceptions routinely

-There is no general privacy exemption

- A FOIA request can come from anyone, but can deny out of state requests
- Basically protect what we must, release what we can
- Federal FOIA requests are separate
- If faced with a FOIA request, notify the FOIA officer as soon as possible ([foiavcu@vcu.edu](mailto:foiavcu@vcu.edu))

### **Faculty Senate Items:**

#### **Academic and Professional Status Committee Changes**

Kristine Artello, Chair

- Artello has been chair of this committee since 2014
- The committee covers a lot and the proposal is to split the work in to two committees
- One committee will focus on faculty life (Faculty Affairs) and one will focus on shared governance (Shared Governance Committee)
- In order to amend standing rules, will present this at the April 2 meeting

#### **Faculty Senate President's Report**

Scott Street, President

- There will be several visitors on campus as finalists for Faculty Success (Alt Lab, CTLE)
- Attend the meetings if you can but all sessions are being recorded and will be available on the Provost website
- Presentations for Dean for Health Professions are also available on the Provost website
- The Senate is still recruiting for Faculty grievance chair; must be tenured; grievances are down; contact Street or Valerie Robnolt or Marylin Miller
- Street mentioned that he had received inquiries about the process for new programs at the School of Education; Street reassured everyone that faculty at the School of Education had been working hard to develop new programs because they are under pressure from State Officials and SCHEV to fast track programs given new legislation; because these are slated to start in the fall these processes have been dictated to be quick; this is not the norm nor will it become the norm for program review and development
- Hackett seconded this by saying the expedited process was put in motion in by SCHEV and the VA Dept. of Education to get on books for fall 2019 so it coming down from the top; she will be happy to answer questions regarding the process if needed
- Street gave congratulations to the School of Education for their top rating in U.S. News and World Report

#### **Round Table Discussions**

- Nancy Jallo prompted table discussions on reasonable expectations and ways to incorporate diversity and inclusion in hiring and evaluation practices

#### **6:00 pm - Adjourn**

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019 — 4:00 PM in the Court End Ballroom, Larrick Center**

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