



VCU

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS RETREAT AND ORIENTATION
AUGUST 16-17, 2018**

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AGENDA – AUGUST 16, 2018

8:30 A.M.

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901 PARK AVENUE – ROOM 303
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

- 1. WELCOME TO ONE OF THE BEST JOBS
AT ONE OF THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD** Ms. Phoebe P. Hall, *Rector*
- 2. WELCOME TO THE GOVERNANCE TEAM OF A
GREAT INSTITUTION ON THE RISE** Dr. Michael Rao, *President*
- 3. ONE VCU – TWO BOARDS
CALL OF DUTY – What I need to know to be a
responsible board member.** Mr. Jacob Belue, *Interim University
Counsel*; Mr. Mike Melisa, *Associate
University Counsel*; Ms. Michele
Schumacher, *Board Liaison and
Asst. Secretary to the Board*; Mr.
William Cole, *Executive Director,
Audit and Compliance Services*
- 4. TAKING THE BOARD TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF
EFFECTIVENESS** Mr. Peter Eckel, *Senior Fellow
and Director of Leadership
Programs, Penn AHEAD, GSE,
University of Pennsylvania*
- 5. LUNCH AND LEARN – from each other
A Brief Presentation: Aligning work of the
Board and Administration** Mr. John Luke, Jr., *Vice Rector*
- 6. ADVANCING VCU PART 1: The president’s vision
for taking VCU’s distinction to the next level** Dr. Michael Rao, *President*
- 7. ADVANCING VCU PART 2: What does success look
like, how will we measure it and how will we work as
Strategic partners to take VCU to the next level?** All, with a summary by Keith
Parker
- 8. ADJOURNMENT** Ms. Phoebe P. Hall, *Rector*

AGENDA - AUGUST 17, 2018
9:00 A.M.
VCU RICE RIVERS CENTER
3701 JOHN TYLER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
CHARLES CITY, VIRGINIA

- 1. LET’S ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES** Ms. Phoebe P. Hall, *Rector*

- 2. TOGETHER WE TRANSFORM** Dr. Michael Rao, *President*

- 3. THE ENVIRONMENT: TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION** Mr. Peter Eckel, *Senior Fellow and Director of Leadership Programs, Penn AHEAD, GSE, University of Pennsylvania*

- 4. LUNCH AND LEARN: Insights from serving on higher education boards** Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.

- 5. QUESTING: FY19 Strategic Plan Focus and Updates** Ms. Karol Gray, *Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*;
Dr. Gail Hackett, *Sr. Vice President and Provost*; Mr. Matthew Conrad, *Executive Director of Government Relations*; Ms. Pamela Lesley, *Vice President and Chief Communications Officer*; Mr. Jay Davenport, *Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs*

- 6. HOW WILL THE BOARD STRUCTURE ITSELF TO ADVANCE THE STRATEGIC PLAN?** Ms. Phoebe P. Hall, *Rector*

- 7. ADJOURNMENT** Ms. Phoebe P. Hall, *Rector*