

# VCU Board of Visitors

Virginia Commonwealth University

## **November 10, 2010** **Meeting of the Academic and Health Affairs** **Policy Committee** *Minutes*

A meeting of the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 11:15 a.m. in the Richmond Salons located in the University Student Commons at 907 Floyd Avenue.

Committee members present were Messrs. Jones (Chair), McCandlish, Robertson; Drs. Dave, Perkinson and Shapiro; and Mrs. Rhodes. Mrs. James was absent. Also present were Drs. Rao, Balster, Chlebowski, Driscoll, Fauri, Huff, Hutchinson, Klink, Langston, Macrina, Moriarty, McCreary, Peoples, Retchin, Sarrett and Warren; Messrs. Bunce, Gresham and Ream; and Mesdames Abernethy, Atkinson, Collier, Covington, Lepley, Parmley, Stillman and Taylor.

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and on motion made and seconded, the Committee approved the Minutes of a Meeting held August 25, 2010.

The Committee met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Staff Senate Representatives.

A Proposal to Rename the Program in Patient Counseling to the Department of Patient Counseling was presented. The Proposal is an academic unit name change. The purpose for the proposed change is two-fold: 1) to more accurately reflect the scope and function of patient counseling as an academic unit with the School; and 2) to provide greater consistency in the description of the academic units with the School. On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the proposal to Rename the Program in Patient Counseling to the Department of Patient Counseling.

A Proposal to Rename the Department of Women's Studies to the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; and Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Women's Studies to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies was presented. The requested change reflects the national rise of gender and sexuality studies as a respected core field within the social sciences and humanities. The name also represents a shift toward greater inclusiveness in which the study of feminism, gender, and sexuality by men, as well as women, is encouraged, and a broad approach to gender

is taken in which male and transgendered identities are explored in addition to female identities. On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of a Proposal to Rename the Department of Women's Studies to the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; and Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Women's Studies to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies.

A Proposal to Create a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies – Initiation Date: Spring 2011 was presented. In 2009, a committee was convened by the Dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences to review and make recommendations for Women's Studies. One of the recommendations made in the committee's final report was a graduate program. The Department faculty have proposed the post-baccalaureate certificate as a first step in achieving the graduate program goal. The department does not have any graduate programs at this time. On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of a Proposal to Create a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies – Initiation Date: Spring 2011.

A Proposal to Change the Department Name from the Department of Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering was presented. The School of Engineering requests approval to change the name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering with the change becoming effective, December 2010. The name change is requested to better reflect the current focus and future direction of research and instruction in the department. On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of a Proposal to Change the Department Name from the Department of Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering.

A Proposal to Revise the VCU Corporate Sponsored Research Policy was presented and discussed. On motion made and seconded the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to Revise the VCU Corporate Sponsored Research Policy.

A Proposal to Approve the Additions to the VCU Five-Year Diversity Plan: Goals Number Five and Six was presented. Four goals were previously extensively vetted throughout the University and approved by the relevant university committees and the Board. Subsequently, VCU has been working on two additional goals of the Diversity Plan: Enhancing Student Diversity (goal five) and Community Partnerships (goal six). Goal Five has been reviewed by both Student Government Associations and the Graduate Student Association as well as Queer Action at VCU; Goal Six, by the Council on Community Engagement. Both goals have been reviewed by Faculty and Staff Senates and will be reviewed by the Academic Affairs subcommittee of University Council and the full body of University Council. The Vice Presidents and President approved the

goals. Each goal has objectives, actions, measures, responsible parties, as well as a timeline and priority level. On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of a Proposal to Approve Additions to the VCU Five-Year Diversity Plan: Goals Number Five and Six.

The following items were presented for information:

Faculty and Staff Excellence

a. Faculty and Staff Senate Representatives

Quality Academic Programs

a. Report on the School of Nursing

b. Master of Addiction Studies Update

Report of the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Financial Statement

Summary Fiscal Year 2010 – Three Months Ending

September 30, 2010

On motion made and seconded, the Committee convened into closed session to discuss certain personnel matters involving the performance of identifiable employees or faculty of VCU, and to discuss the evaluation of the performance of departments or schools of VCU where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals, and the performance of University departments and schools as related to the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals and the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority, including a report of the Chief Executive Officer, VCU Health System and the Vice President for Health Sciences and a report of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and to consult with legal counsel and receive briefings by staff members regarding legal matters and actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open session would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of VCU, as may be necessary, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(1) and A(7) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Following closed session, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Maurice A. Jones, Chair

Ayes

X

Nays

Dr. Carol A. Shapiro, Vice Chair	X
Dr. Kamlesh N. Dave	X
Mrs. Kay Coles James	Absent
Mr. Thomas W. McCandlish	X
Dr. W. Baxter Perkinson, Jr.	X
Mr. Richard T. Robertson	X
Mrs. Anne J. G. Rhodes, Rector	X

Vote:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent during meeting: 1

Absent during voting: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.