



**Virginia Commonwealth University  
Academic and Health Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors**

**Minutes**

Date: December 11, 2015  
Time: 9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
Location: Student Commons, Richmond Salons I and II, 907 Floyd Avenue,  
Richmond, VA

Present: Mr. Michael Fraizer, Chair  
Dr. Robert Holsworth, Vice-Chair  
Mr. William Ginther  
Mr. Ronald McFarlane  
Dr. Carol Shapiro  
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.  
Mr. Steve Worley  
Dr. Michael Rao  
Ms. Madelyn Wessel  
Staff and students from VCU and VCUHS  
Member of the press

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. a.m. by Mr. Fraizer and, on motion made and seconded; the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the Minutes of the Meeting held September 17, 2015.

On motion made and seconded the following actions items were approved:

- Proposed policy for Awarding of Credit for Military Education through Strategic Enrollment Management
- Proposal to rename the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Arts
- Proposal to confer department status to the Political Science program in the College of Humanities and Sciences
- Proposal to confer department status to the Sociology program in the College of Humanities and Sciences
- Proposal to create a new Doctor of Policy Leadership degree in the Wilder School

- Proposal to create a spin-off program: Master of Decision Analytics in the School of Business
- Proposal to merge the department of Special Education and Disability Policy with the Department of Counselor Education to form the Department of Counseling and Special Education in the School of Education

The following items were presented for information and after general discussion follow-up requests were made:

- **Committee Dashboard Review** was presented by Dr. Hackett. Dr. Hackett reviewed the progress made in respect to items on the committee dashboard.
- **Work Plans and Updates** were presented:
  - Athletics Update by Mr. McLaughlin
  - Health Sciences Report by Dr. Rappley
- **Strategic Update for discussion: Enrollment Mix: Out-of-State/International** was presented by Dr. Hackett.
- **Faculty Representative Report** was presented by Ms. June Nicholson and issues of concern to the faculty were discussed.
- **Staff Senate Report** was presented by Ms. Marcoccia and issues of concern to the staff were discussed.
- **Student Representative Report** was presented by Ms. Gathers and Mr. Meshkin. They discussed issues of concern to the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.