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**BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9:20 A.M.

May 11, 2018

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901 PARK AVENUE, ROOM 303, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Carol S. Shapiro, Chair
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth, vice chair
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III
Mr. William M. Ginther
Mr. Ed McCoy
Mr. Tyrone Nelson
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael Rao, President
Dr. Gail Hackett, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Marsha Rappley, Vice President for Health Sciences
Dr. Frank Macrina, Vice President for Research and Innovation
Ms. Elizabeth L. Brooks, Associate University Counsel
Ms. Jamie Stillman, Director of Strategic Communications, Office of the Provost
Mr. Justin Mattingly, reporter, Richmond Times-Dispatch
Staff and students from VCU and VCUHS

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Carol Shapiro, Chair of Academic and Health Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the Minutes of the meeting held **March 22, 2018**. A copy of the minutes can be found on the VCU website at the following webpage <http://www.president.vcu.edu/board/committeeminutes.html>.

ACTION ITEMS

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the following proposals, policy and bylaws and recommends that these items be submitted to the full Board of Visitors for approval:

- 1) Proposal to offer a new Graduate Certificate in Special Education K-12 Teaching;
- 2) Proposal to offer a new Ph.D. in Special Education and Disability Policy;
- 3) the revised Student Code of Conduct Policy; and

4) the revised Bylaws of the Faculty.

REPORTS

Dr. Hackett presented the committee dashboard, noting that there were few new metrics to report. Preliminary new numbers will be available in the fall, with final numbers at the December meeting.

Professors Jennifer Johnson & Faye Prichard, co-chairs of the General Education Task Force, presented an overview of the university's new general education program, called GenEd30. The framework was developed and vetted by the faculty. Over the next year, two new committees will be convened to focus on curriculum and assessment. Once completed, the program will be vetted through all university academic committees for approval. Implementation of GenEd30 will take place no later than fall 2020. Overall, this new general education program will allow general education courses to be portable, not tied to a specific major. It was noted that since programs will not include general education courses as part of the specific requirements of a major, students will be less likely to lose important credits when changing majors, which can reduce debt. In addition, this change also allows departments to be more innovative in their course offerings.

Dr. Deborah Noble-Triplett, senior vice provost for academic affairs, informed the committee that the VCU R.E.A.L (Relevant, Experiential and Applied Learning) Task Force submitted a completed report with recommendations to President Rao last fall. With his approval a search for a new associate vice provost for R.E.A.L. was launched and it is expected that an appointment will be announced soon. It was noted that further updates will be provided at a future committee meeting during the upcoming academic year. Additional discussion involved the advising component of R.E.A.L. Dr. Maggie Tolan, interim associate vice provost for student success, briefly described the role of advisors in providing resources and support to students in meeting their academic and career goals.

Dr. Noble-Triplett also reported that the international pathway program that was developed through the university's contract with Navitas –the VCU Global Student Success Program – now has a director and two staff members on campus.

Ms. Holly Alford, the faculty representative, reported that she and Faculty Senate President Scott Street, as well as other members of the university's academic leadership, attended a two-day SCHEV-sponsored institute on Strengthening Virginia Transfer Outcomes. Participants were pleased to learn that VCU is well respected by Virginia's community college leadership. She also announced that Carmen Rodriguez has been elected as Vice President of the Faculty Senate of Virginia. Professor Rodriguez is a faculty member in the Department of Biology and also serves on the VCU Faculty Senate.

Ms. Lauren Katchuk, the staff representative, thanked the Faculty Senate for their help this year in ensuring a smooth transition as the Staff Senate prepares to grow dramatically when the new

human resources transition is complete this summer. She also introduced the incoming president of the Staff Senate, Mr. Nick Fetzer, director of sponsored programs for VCU Life Sciences. Ms. Sarah Izabel and Ms. Katherine Pumphrey, the student representatives, provided their last report as student representatives. Since the committee’s March meeting, the students held a successful Wellness Block Party, which reached about 300 community members, and highlighted student achievements through the Leadership and Service Awards and the Student Organization Awards. The proposed new student representatives for the Board of Visitors were also introduced: Mr. Jacob Powell, undergraduate representative, and Mr. Dhruv Sethi, graduate representative.

OTHER NOTES

Dr. Shapiro announced that additional updates that have been requested by committee members will be made at future meetings. An update on Online @ VCU will be presented in September 2018 and an update on VCU Career Services will be presented in December 2018

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University convened a closed session under **Section 2.2-3711(A)(7)** to receive legal advice about matters that pertain to potential litigation.

Resolution of Certification

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro, Chair	X		
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth, vice chair	X		
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III	X		
Mr. William M. Ginther	X		
Mr.. Ed McCoy	X		
Mr. Tyrone Nelson	X		
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar	X		
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.	X		

All members voting affirmatively, the resolution of certification was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Carol Shapiro, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.