



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

Date: May 13, 2016
Time: 9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Location: James Branch Cabell Library, 909 Park Avenue, Richmond, VA Room 303
Present: Mr. Michael D. Fraizer, Chair
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth, Vice-Chair
Mr. William M. Ginther
Mr. Ronald McFarlane
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.
Mr. Steve L. Worley
Dr. Michael Rao
Dr. Gail Hackett
Ms. Madelyn F. Wessel
Staff and students from VCU and VCUHS
Members of the press

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Mr. Fraizer and, on motion made and seconded; the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the Minutes of the Meeting held **March 23, 2016**.

On motion made and seconded the following actions items were recommended for approval to the full board of visitors:

- **Proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Care Coordination, Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care**
- **Proposal to create a Ph.D. program in Computer Science, School of Engineering**



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- **Proposal to rename the Department of Management to the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, School of Business**
- **Proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Health Behavior Coaching, College of Humanities and Sciences**
- **Proposal to rename the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism to the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism**

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

Dr. Hackett presented the **committee dashboard** and continued a discussion on how the dashboard will evolve for the next academic year.

- Dr. Hackett will work with her staff to develop a revised dashboard and to get approval from committee members over the summer so that it will be in place prior to the September meeting.

Dr. Luke Schultheis provided an update on **international and out-of-state student recruitment**.

- VCU must increase its non-resident enrollment to further diversify the student body as well as to generate much needed funds to help move us ahead.
- Online program development is a priority, being worked on and will increase out-of-state enrollments.
- Business and Engineering are working on improving their rankings and increasing international academic partnerships to stimulate additional international enrollments



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Dr. Aashir Nasim presented a new initiative called the **Institute for Inclusion, Inquiry and Innovation – iCubed**.

- It is truly innovative in that it is the only program of its type in the country.
- iCubed recruits faculty from multiple academic disciplines and members of community organizations to develop transdisciplinary cores that are focused on solving a specific challenge facing urban communities.
- The initial five transdisciplinary cores involve more than 30 faculty across 11 different colleges and schools here at VCU.
 - Community Engagement through Arts and Humanities
 - Health and Wellness in Aging Populations
 - Culture, Race and Health
 - Oral Health in Childhood and Adolescence.
 - Racial and Economic Justice
- Once a critical mass of faculty are recruited to each core, the transdisciplinary cores will become educational and training grounds for undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdocs.
- This will not happen overnight – there is 3-5 year process for core development. The life of the institute is 7-10 years. Metrics are in place to measure success.

The Faculty Senate reported that they continue to focus on shared governance and have been working closely with both the president's and provost's offices.

The Staff Senate continues to focus on opportunities to further engage the staff in activities recognizing the significance of their efforts in the university's focus on student success and patient experience.



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The Student Representatives wrapped up their service this past year by introducing the presumptive representatives for next year.

- The committee has whole heartedly appreciated Diamone Gathers and Sameen Meshkin and their contributions to our work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.