



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

Date: March 23, 2016  
Time: 9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
Location: James 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.  
Dr. Michael Rao  
Dr. Gail Hackett  
Ms. Madelyn F. Wessel  
Staff and students from VCU and VCUHS  
Member of the press

Absent: Mr. Steve L Worley

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Mr. Fraizer and, on motion made and seconded; the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the Minutes of the Meeting held December 11, 2015.

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

- Proposal to create Weil Institute of Emergency & Critical Care Research at VCU

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. Mr. Fraizer encouraged the members to consider updating dashboard items for 2016-17.
- **Work Plans and Updates** were presented:



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- Leadership Update Dr. Hackett. Dr. Hackett provided an overview of the current structure of the Office of the Provost and introduced two new senior vice provosts, Drs. Bassard and Noble-Triplett.
- President’s Advisory Group on Diversity and Inclusion (PAGDI) by Dr. Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell reported that much work had been accomplished since the board’s last meeting including the creation of PAGDI, which is tasked with providing strategic input and institutional resources to support diversity and inclusion goals,
- **Strategic Update for discussion: Research Productivity** was presented by Dr. Macrina. Dr. Macrina highlighted several high-profile research projects from throughout the university.
- **Faculty Representative Report** was presented by Ms. Alford 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 Mr. Meshkin and Ms. Gathers. They discussed issues of concern to the students.

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee convened into closed session to discuss matters relating to BOV student scholarships as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(10) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.



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Following closed session, on motion made and seconded, the following Resolution was approved by acknowledgement of agreement with resolution of certification with a show of hands, all members were in agreement.

The Chair will entertain a motion of certification that the Academic and Health Affairs 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 Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

<u>Certification</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Michael D. Fraizer, Chair	X	
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth, Vice-Chair	X	
Mr. William M. Ginther	X	
Mr. Ronald McFarlane	X	
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro	X	
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.	X	
Mr. Steve L Worley	absent	

Vote:  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 1  
ABSENT DURING VOTING: 1

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee recommend to the full Board of Visitors the approval of Mr. Marvin Chau as the winner



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and Ms. Jiabi Chen and Ms. Morgan Senter as the distinguished runner ups for the Board of Visitors Scholarship for 2016 – 17 Academic Year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.