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**BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:20 A.M.
December 7, 2018
JAMES BRANCH CABELL LIBRARY
901 PARK AVENUE, ROOM 303, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Carol S. Shapiro, Chair
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth, vice chair
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III
Dr. Gopinath Jadhav
Mr. Ed McCoy
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael Rao, President
Dr. Gail Hackett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Aashir Nasim, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
Dr. Srirama Rao, Vice President for Research and Innovation
Dr. Marsha Rappley, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Ms. Holly Price Alford, Faculty Representative
Dr. W. Scott Street IV, Faculty Representative
Mr. Nicholas B. Fetzer, Staff Representative
Ms. Ashley Staton, Staff Representative
Mr. Dhruv Sethi, Student Representative
Mr. Jacob Parcell, Student Representative
Ms. Elizabeth L. Brooks, Associate University Counsel
Ms. Jamie Stillman, Director of Strategic Communications, Office of the Provost
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 9:25 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the Minutes of the meeting held **May 11, 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 and recommends that these items be submitted to the full Board of Visitors for approval:

- 1) Proposal to close the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) Degree Program; and
- 2) Proposal to close the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) Degree Program.

REPORTS

Dr. Hackett introduced Dr. Tomikia LeGrande, vice provost for strategic enrollment management, who then provided an overview of an updated report on financial aid and a preview of the Strategic Enrollment Management report that will be presented at the full board meeting this afternoon.

Dr. Shapiro informed the committee that its charter must be reviewed, revised, if needed, and approved by the committee annually. Therefore, she will work with the Provost's staff to make initial revisions to the document and then get it back to the committee for review and any additional revisions. The charter will be presented for approval at the committee's March meeting.

Drs. Shapiro and Hackett reviewed the progress made toward the completion of the next strategic plan, Quest 2025. The board appreciated the plan conceptually in May, but felt that more focus and detail were needed, particularly as related to identifying the university's highest priorities and their associated strategies, resources and metrics to ensure accountability for results. The completed plan, which will be presented for approval to the full board this afternoon, will include annual Quest 2025 implementation plans that will provide specifics on priorities and strategies to advance delivery of the highest quality experience and outcomes for our students and patients.

Dr. Aashir Nasim, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, presented an update on the university's efforts in ensuring that we meet and exceed our diversity and inclusion goals as presented in the strategic plan. A new initiative, Diversity Driving Excellence, combines indices on diversity, inclusion and engagement with a variety of certifications, courses, training programs, seminars and workshops as well as annual surveys to develop "scores" that measure success not just at the university level, but at the unit level as well. The ultimate goal of the initiative is Performance Excellence.

Mr. John Umschneider, dean of VCU Libraries and University Librarian; Ms. Sheryl Garland, vice president, health policy and community relations, VCU Health System and director, VCU Office of Health Innovation and Ms. Heidi Crapol, director, VCU Center for Urban Communities; and Mr. Ed McLaughlin, vice president and director of athletics, answered

questions related to the reading materials provided prior to the meeting related to affordable course content, the East End (Richmond) Health and Wellness Initiative, and student athletics, respectively.

Mr. Dhruv Sethi, graduate student representative, and Mr. Jacob Parcell, undergraduate student representative, informed the committee that three university initiatives have been very well received by students: the GRTC Pulse, the Institute for Contemporary Art, and the new Gladding Residence Center.

Ms. Holly Alford, the faculty representative, reported that the Faculty Senate passed a resolution supporting the framework of GenEd30, the university's new General Education program, as well as a resolution in support of the Ethical Conduct Policy.

Mr. Nicholas Fetzer, the staff representative, reported that the Staff Senate is currently deliberating and will soon vote upon an amendment to its constitution that will grant the university's new employee category, University and Academic Professional, eligibility to become senators. The new employee category includes many employees formerly known as Administrative and Professional Faculty, which marks a significant evolution of not only the number of employees represented by the Staff Senate, but also of seniority and role. In addition, as a result of this change, the Staff Senate will also undergo a name change to reflect its broadening constituency.

OTHER NOTES

Dr. Shapiro announced that the Online@VCU update that was initially going to be presented to the committee in September, will be given at the full Board meeting this afternoon. In addition, the requested update on VCU Career Services will be moved to the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Carol Shapiro, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.