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**BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:20 A.M.
Sept. 13, 2019
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901 PARK AVENUE, ROOM 303, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
M I N U T E S**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Edward McCoy, Chair
Ms. Carolina Espinal
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth
Ms. Coleen Santa Anna

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Tyrone Nelson
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael Rao, President
Dr. Gail Hackett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Marsha Rappley, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Dr. Aashir Nasim, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
Dr. Charles Klink, Senior Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Dr. Deborah Noble-Triplett, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Dr. Nancy Jallo, Faculty Representative
Dr. W. Scott Street IV, Faculty Representative
Ms. Ashley Staton, Staff Representative
Mr. Michael Berger, Student Representative
Ms. Samantha Lee, 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

Mr. Edward McCoy, 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 10, 2019**. 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:

Academic Program Proposals:

On motion made and seconded, the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved a motion to recommend to the Board of Visitor approval of the following academic proposal: Substantial modification to the current Nursing M.S. degree program.

REPORTS

Dr. Hackett provided updates on recent activities focused on student, faculty and academic program success. Among those highlights involved two VCU academic leaders who testified before congress this summer and represented the university in exemplary fashion: Dr. Tomikia LeGrande, vice provost for strategic enrollment management, and Dr. Andrew Daire, dean of the School of Education, testified before the US House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor during a hearings on “Innovation to Improve Equity: Exploring High-Quality Pathways to a College Degree.” and “Educating our Educators: How Federal Policy Can Better Support Teachers and School Leaders.”

Dr. Rappley provided an update on activities in the Health Sciences and the Health System related to clinical placements, workforce development, and innovative programs.

Dr. Klink provided an overview of the health and wellness opportunities provided for all students and their relationship to student academic success. A particular emphasis was on the wealth of services focused on mental health and addressing the anxiety and depression that are common among students.

Dr. Noble-Triplett provided an update on our progress in finalizing materials for our 5th year accreditation review for SACSCOC. A draft of the report will be provided to the committee early next year.

Mr. Berger and Ms. Lee introduced themselves as the new graduate and undergraduate student representatives, respectively.

Dr. Street introduced Dr. Jallo who is the new president of the Faculty Senate and alternate faculty representative to the Board of Visitors. He announced that the Faculty Senate will hold a symposium for all university faculty on October 18 that will focus on “faculty success.”

Ms. Staton provided the staff report. She announced that a professional development symposium for staff will be held in the spring.

OTHER INFORMATION

The committee requested updated reports on the Relevant, Experiential & Applied Learning (REAL) program, and on university rankings. In addition, Dr. Hackett will work with Mr. McCoy to better align the committee dashboard with the committee’s charter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Edward McCoy, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.