



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

**Minutes**

Date: May 8, 2015  
Time: 9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
Location: Student Commons, Richmond Salons I and II, 907 Floyd Avenue,  
Richmond, VA

Present: Ms. Jacquelyn E. Stone, Chair  
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Nancy Everett  
Mr. Michael Frazier  
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.  
Mr. Steve Worley  
Dr. Michael Rao  
Ms. Madelyn Wessel  
Staff and students from VCU and VCUHS  
Member of the press

Unavailable: Ms. Teresa Carlson  
Mr. Franklin Hall  
Mr. Sudhakar V. Shenoy

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. by Ms. Stone and, on motion made and seconded; the Academic and Health Affairs Committee approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on February 12, 2015.

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

- Proposal to create a new Master of Science in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, School of Allied Health Professions
- Proposal to establish a Dual PhD Degree between the University of Cordoba and VCU's Computer Science Program, School of Engineering
- Proposal to create a Certificate of Completion in Leadership Studies
- Proposal to create a Certificate of Completion in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Proposal to create a graduate Certificate in Medical Physics, School of Medicine

- Proposal to create the VCU Johnson Center for Critical Care and Pulmonary Research
- Proposal to create the Department of Focused Inquiry in the University College
- Proposal to repurpose and rename the Institute for Structural Biology and Drug Discovery
- Proposal to merge the Department of Behavioral Health and the Department of Healthcare Policy and Research to create the Department of Health Behavior and Policy, School of Medicine
- Proposal to rename the Social and Behavioral Health Doctoral Program to the Social and Behavioral Sciences Doctoral Program, School of Medicine
- Proposal to revise University Council Bylaws

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 toward revising the dashboard.
- **Work Plans and Updates** were presented:
  - Health Sciences Report by Dr. Strauss
  - Student Affairs Update by Dr. Klink
  - Online Learning Update by Dr. Campbell
- **Strategic Update for discussion: The Value of Education** was presented by Dr. Hackett.
- **Faculty Representative Report** was presented by Ms. Nicholson 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 Ms. Jackson and Mr. Halpern. They discussed issues of concern to the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.