Faculty Senate Leadership Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 4–6 PM, Monroe Park Campus, Student Commons, Alumni Board Room
http://www.maps.vcu.edu/monroepark/univcommons/

**Attendance:** Holly Alford, Kristine Artello, Susan Bodnar-Doren, Lisa Brown, Rosalyn Hargraves, Michael McVoy, June Nicholson, Valerie Robnolt, Carmen Rodriguez, Chris Saladino, Mary Secret, Scott Street, Jennifer Wayne, Erin White

**Procedural Items:**
4:00 Holly Alford
Called meeting to order and led introductions.

4:02 Scott Street
Minutes of February 16 Leadership Meeting:
Corrections received via email. No further corrections presented.

4:05 Scott Street
Faculty Senate Budget:
We’ve spend or committed nearly $6,000 of our $10,000 budget (provided evenly from the Provost and from the VP Health Sciences). It was suggested that we investigate spending the balance on supporting travel to shared governance conferences and to obtain promotional items to improve awareness of what the Faculty Senate does and has accomplished.

4:20 Mary Secret
Shared Governance Philosophy Statement:
Mary has shared the shared governance philosophy statement with the deans, student government groups, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate. She has received good feedback and has incorporated suggestions from these groups. Mary is now looking for the next steps. The committee wants it in a single location, and the current suggestion is on the President’s website along with Code of Ethics and other similar documents. From there, other university documents will reference the shared governance philosophy statement. This has been a long process, but the end seems to be nearing.
BOV Luncheon on Wednesday:

4:35

Mary Secret

The Board of Visitors has asked Faculty Senate to give a presentation on faculty success stories. The two chosen programs will be the Standardized Patient Simulation Program (Dr. Aaron Anderson) and the Virtual Interprofessional Geriatric Case Project (Dr. Peter Bolling). Dr. Bolling and Dr. Anderson will give brief presentations on what they and their students do, followed by a conversation during the BOV luncheon, tomorrow. We look forward to continued opportunities like this.

Elections:

4:45

June Nicholson

Officer elections will be postponed until the May meeting to allow time to work through some minor issues relating to eligibility of the candidates for office.

Tier III HR Restructuring Project:

4:55

Susan Carkeek

Susan provided a history of the Commonwealth’s Tier III legislation related to higher education administration (provides for state oversight instead of state management). Tier III permits freedom in creating a new and relevant (to VCU’s mission and purpose) structure for leave, benefits, evaluation, promotion, professional development, etc. Classified staff will be given the choice to stay in the state’s classified system or switch to the new VCU system. Work is just beginning, but hopes are to have a framework in place by March 2017 for possible implementation in January 2018 (pending BoV and State approvals).

President’s Report:

5:45

Holly Alford

Diversity Plan Update

Inclusive Council is working on 5-year diversity plan and hopes to have it ready by May 2016.

Agenda for April 5th Faculty Senate Meeting:

6:05

Holly Alford

Topics:

- Common Book Program?
- Roundtable Discussion on Academic Freedom

Please let Holly know of any new business that should be added to the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20