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**UCC Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2020**  
**2:00-5:00 p.m.**  
<https://vcu.zoom.us/j/97654107059>

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## **Minutes**

**Present:** Monika Avasthi, Sheila Blair, Lesley Bulluck, Kimberly Davis, Yonella Demars, Debra Duke, Elizabeth Edmondson, Aimee Ellington, Humberto Fabelo, Moe Debbagh Greene, Rebecca Heise, Peter Henry, Zach Hilpert, Joan Johnson, Patrick Lowery, Edna Renee Macbeth, Christina Marino, Maureen Mathews, Teresa Nadder, Faye Prichard, Stephanie Thulin, Jean Zhang, Tamara Zurakowski, Karen Cary, Teri Dunnivant, Barbara Judy, Scott Oates

**Absent:** Cameron Carter, Nicholas Garcia, Cynthia Myron

### **I Call to Order**

### **II Old Business**

- **UCC Guidelines**

Discussion centered around comments presented in the Revised Guidelines – Unit Report Out document. Departmental chair participation was supported by the committee, especially for smaller academic units. With the majority of the committee membership composed of faculty, the committee had no problem with non-faculty members voting. An additional comment was brought forward regarding a process for confirming membership criteria when changes in position may occur. The committee supported a yearly review by the committee chair. The committee voted to present the revised guidelines along with the report out document to the Provost once the School of Social Work meets to discuss the guidelines.

- **Recommend to Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Affairs a committee member to chair UCC**

The committee voted to recommend Faye Prichard as chair to the Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

### III New Business

- **School of Nursing**  
**Nursing-Dean's Office**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Yonella Demars, Secondary, Humberto Fabelo**  
New Courses  
[NURS 103: Culture, Diversity and Communication in Health Care Settings](#) (APPROVED)  
[NURS 104: Conceptualizing Mental Illness in Western Culture](#) (TABLED)
- **VCU Life Sciences**  
**Center for the Study of Biological Complexity**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Faye Prichard, Secondary, Monika Avasthi**  
Course Changes  
[BNFO 291: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 301: Introduction to Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 391: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 491: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 496: Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)
- **VCU Life Sciences**  
**Center for the Study of Biological Complexity**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Elizabeth Edmondson, Secondary, Zach Hilpert**  
New Courses  
[BNFO 101: Introduction to Scientific Computing](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 193: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 293: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 393: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 411: Ethical Issues in Life Sciences](#) (APPROVED)  
[BNFO 493: Special Topics in Bioinformatics](#) (APPROVED)
- **College of Engineering**  
**Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Stephanie Thulin, Secondary, Cameron Carter**  
New Course  
[EGMN 359: Nuclear Power Plants](#) (APPROVED)
- **College of Engineering**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Stephanie Thulin, Secondary, Cameron Carter**  
Course Change  
[CMSC 210: Computers and Programming](#) (APPROVED)

### III New Business (cont.)

- **School of Education**  
**Department of Teaching and Learning**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Patrick Lowery, Secondary, Christina Marino**  
New Course  
[TEDU 210: Debunking Classroom Myths: How and Why Do We Learn Ideas Incorrectly?](#)  
(APPROVED)
- **School of Education**  
**Department of Foundations of Education**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Patrick Lowery, Secondary, Christina Marino**  
New Course  
[EDUS 203: Pop-cultural Foundations of Education: Film/TV, Music, Literature and Schooling in the U.S.](#) (APPROVED)
- **School of Education**  
**Department of Counseling and Special Education**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Peter Henry, Secondary, Lesley Bulluck**  
New Courses  
[CLED 200: The Science of Resilience and Holistic Health](#) (APPROVED)  
[SEDP 202: Preparing Diverse Learners From Multicultural and Global Perspectives](#)  
(APPROVED)