

**Minutes of February 20, 2007**

**University Council convened at 3:30PM in the University Center Cypress Room**

**Welcome and Update (President Zaccari)**

• General Update from the President's Office

A. University Council is a conduit for communication. The purpose of the council is to have open dialogue, discussion, be a place to ask questions, share information, and make things happen. University Council is very important to the University and it is expected for council members to attend each meeting.

B. Approval of Statues (With a 93.3% approval rate, statues have been approved. There were 562 individuals eligible to vote, of those 212 voted.)

C. President Zaccari met with COSA earlier in the day (2/20) and reviewed the MGT/Salary Staff model and resolved any misconceptions that the funds that will be utilized to implement new minimum salaries will come from the Board of Regents; funding will come from internal strategic funds set aside through the initiative process for these purposes.

• Update on Facilities Projects Related to the Master Plan

A. VSU is in preparation for \$120 Million in bonds for campus construction

— There will be a new Real Estate Committee established with permission from the Board of Regents, and housed under Auxiliary Enterprises

— Each project will be outlined in University Council so concerns may be addressed and Master Plan amendments made if necessary.

B. Meeting with the Board of Regents in Atlanta

— President Zaccari, J. Black, and R. Kellner had a very positive meeting with the Board of Regents last week in Atlanta. One of the highlights of the trip was the University System of Georgia Facilities Group who met with Senator Tim Golden.

— The concept of a charter school was discussed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. Potentially a math and science charter school could help VSU enhance its regional mission.

▪ Update on Recycling Progress (Ray Sable)

— In January VSU met with the City of Valdosta to discuss recycling program logistics.

— Paper recycling pick-up will begin with the primary academic facilities on campus, including Nevins Hall, West Hall, and the rest of the academic buildings.

— Two students have been hired to collect the recycled paper, and additional materials will be collected as the program is developed.

— Mr. Sable is planning to have a meeting with SAVE (Students Against Violating the Environment) to discuss recycling programs in the residence halls, and will be meeting with COSA and Faculty Senate to promote recycling on campus.

**Overview of University Council (Dr. Coons Yates)**

A. Each new member will receive a new binder with the condensed Master Plan and full strategic plan; while existing members will receive two new inserts, the new roster and revised strategic plan.

B. University Council Logistics

— Agenda's for each meeting will be sent out one week prior to the meeting. Agendas and minutes will be sent electronically, and minutes will be posted on the web.

— University Council will cover the strategic plan, master plan, and other important information relevant to the entire campus. Please share information discussed in University Council with the campus organizations and committees you represent. As a member of the council, please be a spokesperson to the campus. University Council is about collaboration.

### C. New Members

- Faculty Senate [Richard Carter, Christine James( Executive Secretary), James LaPlant]
- Council on Staff Affairs [Verna Harvey, Richard Hammond, Tim Yorkey (Chair)]
- Student Government Association [Jeremy Baker (President), Danielle Everson, Jonathan Stroble]
- Department Heads Council Representative [Carl Cates (Chair)]
- Dean’s Council Representative [Ralph Allen (reappointed)]
- Diversity Council Representatives [Shirley Hardin, Yolanda Hood, Maggie Viverette (Chair)]

### Description of Reporting Format for Strategic Plan Goals (Dr. Coons Yates)

- A. Reports will cover the five goals of the University and include progress-to-date, celebration of successes, and discussions of what your area needs to move a particular goal or objective forward.
- B. University Council will have future reports to be presented by:
  - Professional Development—Dr. Denise Bogart (*scheduled for the March University Council meeting*)
  - Financial Support—VP Scott Sikes
  - Academic Programs—Dr. Louis Levy and Honey Coppage
  - Enrollment and Retention—Walter Peacock and AVP Marsha Krotseng
  - Diversity Management—Maggie Viverette

### Update on Campus Strategic Planning Efforts (Dr. Coons Yates)

- A. Athletic Planning Retreat — work groups will be established this week to continue goal development.
- B. Diversity Plan Refinement — Dr. Coons Yates and Maggie Viverette will be working together to review the plan, make revisions with the Diversity Council and assure alignment with the overall university strategic plan.
- C. Metrics Module in the Planning Database
  - Metrics provide a measurable outcome of goals within the strategy.
  - There is a new module in the planning database that provides users with three sections to record metrics: where are you currently (baseline data), what method will be used to assess the outcome of this strategy (metric), and what is the progress of the strategy (update)
  - We encourage each department to use metrics to evaluate their goals and to update their metrics in the database quarterly, which ultimately allows the department to build their annual report throughout the year. Updating department accomplishments and metrics is vital to various functions on campus as well as the Board of Regents.

### Questions and Additional Updates:

- As a result of the athletic planning retreat, VSU will remain a Division II school for at least the next 5 years (Dr. Zaccari)
- The doctorate for the MPA program was approved last month (Dr. Zaccari)
- VSU continues to work in partnership with South Georgia Medical Center for construction on North Campus of a parking deck with funding assistance from SPLOST revenues (Dr. Zaccari)
- Dr. Zaccari asked council members to be prepared to share what they would like to see or what issues they would like to become involved with at University Council.
- Members were reminded meetings are taped and may be listened to upon request (L. Gaskins).
- Non-voting advisory members were introduced: Laverne Gaskins, Marsha Krotseng, Walter Peacock, Charles Harmon, and Herb Reinhard (absent).

### University Council adjourned at 4:26PM

#### Members Present:

President Zaccari  
Christy Coons Yates  
Louis Levy  
Jim Black  
Scott Sikes  
Denise Bogart  
Ray Sable  
Traycee Martin  
Joe Newton  
Jeremy Baker  
Jonathan Stroble  
Danielle Everson

Maggie Viverette  
Shirley Hardin  
Yolanda Hood  
Tim Yorkey  
Verna Harvey  
Richard Hammond  
Christine James  
Richard Carter  
James LaPlant  
Ralph Allen  
Carl Cates  
Russ Mast

**Advisory Members Present:**

Marsha Krotseng  
Laverne Gaskins  
Walter Peacock  
Charles Harmon

**Members Absent:**

Herb Reinhard (Advisory)  
Kurt Keppler (Represented by Russ Mast)

**Guests:**

Jeanne Severns  
Honey Coppage  
Michael Noll