

**ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**PRESENT**

Naved Jafri, MD (Chair)  
Betty Bibbins, MD  
George Faatz  
Ali Hosseini, MD  
Blythe Scott, Esq

**EX OFFICIO PRESENT**

Milton Brown, MD, PhD  
C. Donald Combs, PhD  
Frank Counselman, MD  
Kimberly Dempsey, EdD, PA-C, DFAAPA  
Anca Dobrian, PhD  
Julie Stoner, PhD  
Allison Knight, PhD  
Katelyn Nicole Glover, MPA – HP rep  
Atif Niaz – MD rep

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Jafri call the meeting to order.

**REPORT FROM THE VICE-DEAN FOR FACULTY AFFAIRS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Anca Dobrian presented the faculty actions below for discussion and review on behalf of the EVMS Appointments and Promotions Committee.

**PROMOTIONS**

**FULL-TIME SALARIED**

Department of Family and Community Medicine

Michael T. Kopec, MD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2024

Department of Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology

Julia A. Sharp, PhD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2024

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Juliana G. Martins, MD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2024

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Malgorzata Mlynarczyk, MD, PhD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2024

**ABSENT**

Lisa Chandler  
Hon. Daun Hester  
Keith Newby, MD  
Bruce Waldholtz, MD (Rector)

**EX OFFICIO ABSENT**

Ronald Flenner, MD  
Thomas Kimble, MD

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ylonda Boatright  
Christine Boswick

**MEDIA SERVICES PRESENT**

Department of Pediatrics

Heather L. Newton, EdD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2024

School of Health Professions, Art Therapy and Counseling, MS Program

Matthew G. Bernier, MCAT, ATR-BC - from Associate Professor of Clinical to Professor, effective July 1, 2024

### **FULL-TIME NON-SALARIED**

Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology and Oncology

Eric J. Lowe, MD - from Associate Professor to Professor, effective March 19, 2024

### **COMMUNITY**

Department of Department of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Ramon A. DeJesus, MD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2023

***ACTION: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee unanimously voted to recommend the above faculty actions as presented at the meeting. Further, the committee requested that the Board of Visitors at their March 19, 2024 meeting consider this recommendation for approval.***

Dr. Dobrian presented the names of the candidates for conferral of degrees for Doctor of Health Sciences, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Medical and Health Professions Education, Doctor of Philosophy in Reproductive Clinical Science – Embryology and Andrology, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Andrology, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Embryology, Graduate Certificate in Core Public Health, Master of Anatomical Sciences, Master of Health Sciences, Pathologists' Assistant, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Medical and Health Professions Education, Master of Physician Assistant, Master of Public Health, Master of Science in Art Therapy and Counseling, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Medical (1 Year), Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Medical (2 Year), Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Research, Master of Science in Reproductive Clinical Science- Embryology and Andrology, Master of Surgical Assisting, and Doctor of Medicine.

These candidates were recommended for approval by the faculty at the General Faculty meeting held on February 20, 2024 with the request that Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommend approval of the appropriate degrees pending successful completion of all degree requirements by the occasion of the commencement or written specified period thereafter.

***ACTION: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend conferral of degrees Doctor of Health Sciences, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Medical and Health Professions Education, Doctor of Philosophy in Reproductive Clinical Science – Embryology and Andrology, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Andrology, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Embryology, Graduate Certificate in Core Public Health, Master of Anatomical Sciences, Master of Health Sciences, Pathologists' Assistant, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Medical and Health Professions Education, Master of Physician Assistant, Master of Public Health, Master of Science in Art Therapy and Counseling, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Medical (1 Year), Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Medical (2 Year), Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Research, Master of Science in Reproductive Clinical Science-***

***Embryology and Andrology, Master of Surgical Assisting, and Doctor of Medicine for Approval of these awards is subject to the successful completion of all degree requirements by the occasion of commencement or written specified period thereafter. Further, the committee requested that this recommendation be considered by the Board of Visitors at their March 19, 2024 meeting.***

Dr. Dobrian presented the Proposal to Create New Departments.

***ACTION: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee unanimously voted to recommend the above proposal for creation of Basic Science Department as presented at the meeting. Further, the committee requested that the Board of Visitors at their March 19, 2024 meeting consider this recommendation for approval.***

**REPORT FROM THE VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS – Presented by Julie Stoner, PhD, MPH, Associate Dean for Administration, Department of Academic Affairs**

Dr. Julie Stoner provided updates from the School of Medicine in the absence of Vice Dean for Academic Affairs.

**Match Data**

**REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN, SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

Dr. Combs provided updates from the School of Health Professions.

**REPORT FROM THE VICE DEAN FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Dr. Counselman gave update on Graduate Medical Education.

Match Data – EVMS Residencies

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00noon.

Ylonda Boatright  
Recording Secretary