UNIVERSAL CORP /VA/ Form 8-K January 12, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 12, 2017

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 12, 2017, Universal Corporation (the "Company") announced that David C. Moore, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, will be on medical leave of absence, effective immediately. Other executive officers of the Company will assume Mr. Moore's management duties during his absence and will remain in their current positions while carrying out such additional responsibilities. No additional compensation will be paid in connection with the performance of the additional duties. During the medical leave of absence, George C. Freeman, III, the Company's Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, will act as the Company's principal financial officer as well as its principal executive officer.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 12, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that its Chief Financial Officer was taking a temporary medical leave of absence. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits

No. Description

Press release dated January 12, 2017, Announcing Universal Corporation CFO to take temporary medicalleave of absence.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: January 12, 2017 By:/s/ Preston D. Wigner Preston D. Wigner Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary Exhibit Index Exhibit Number Document

99.1 Press release dated January 12, 2017, Announcing Universal Corporation CFO to take temporary medical leave of absence.