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**BY-LAWS
OF THE OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS**

PREFACE

The Board of Visitors adopts the by-laws that follow for the orderly and efficient conduct of its meetings and the business of Old Dominion University. This preface is to provide a brief overview of the source of the Board's authority as a public institution of higher education, and a component of the executive branch of the government of Virginia.

The Virginia statutes specific, or organic to the University, Va. Code §§ 23-49.11 through 23-49.22, might be thought of as the University's charter. These statutes constitute the Board of Visitors as a public corporation named "Old Dominion University," and set the corporation's basic purpose and authority. Other statutes apply to all of the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education to impose other duties and confer additional powers. The University is also subject, along with all agencies of the executive branch of the state government, to such statutes as, for example, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act which governs, *inter alia*, the circumstances under which a public body, such as this Board, may meet in closed session. Ultimately, however, the University's operations are dependent on the terms of the Appropriations Act adopted bi-annually in the even numbered years by the Virginia legislature, the General Assembly, and amended in the odd numbered years. Finally, it is to be noted that the Commonwealth's agencies and institutions are not as a rule subject to the general statutes of Virginia, as well as the ordinances enacted by the local governments, unless the General Assembly expressly provides otherwise.

Members of the Board, the University staff, and the public should be aware at all times that the authority conferred on the Board of Visitors by the General Assembly resides solely in the Board. That is, no visitor or other individual, regardless of title or position, shall speak for, or exercise the Board's authority except to the extent that the Board may so provide by delegation contained in these by-laws, or by other action of the Board.

The Commonwealth demands institutional direction by a Board composed of active, informed, and engaged visitors. As a measure of this need, the General Assembly provided that if any member of the Board should fail to perform the duties of a visitor for a year, without sufficient cause, the Board shall certify the same to the Governor; and the office of that member shall then be vacant.

ARTICLE I
Power, Authority, and Duties

1.01. Role and Responsibilities. The Board of Visitors is the body responsible for the University. The Board's trust includes the following responsibilities.

(a) Presidential Selection and Oversight. The Board's most important responsibility is selection (§ 4.04. of these Bylaws) and oversight (§ 6.01. (f) of these Bylaws) of the University President. The President reports only to the Board and it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the President is implementing the Board's formally adopted policies and efficiently and effectively accomplishing the University's goals.

(b) University Mission. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the University's mission reflects and directs the relative commitment to undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, as well as an appropriate balance among instruction, research, and service.

(c) Strategic Planning. The Board is responsible for ensuring there is an ongoing strategic planning process and overseeing its implementation. In conjunction with the President, and in consultation with the faculty, other internal groups, and external constituencies, the Board shall take an active part in developing priorities and goals essential to the accomplishment of the University's mission, allocation of resources, and measurement of success.

(d) University Budget. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the University's mission, priorities, and goals are visible in and expressed through its budget. The budget shall reflect the priorities developed in the strategic planning process. The Board shall periodically review and approve the University's annual budget and work in conjunction with the President and his/her administration that are accountable for directing a process that seeks input from the Board.

(e) Academic Integrity. The Board is responsible for advancing and protecting the academic quality of the education offered by the University including, but not limited to considering, strategic planning, admission standards, graduation requirements, grading policies, use of technology in the classroom, and faculty structure, development, productivity, priorities, and incentives for outstanding teaching.

(f) Research Integrity. The Board is responsible for promoting and preserving excellence in basic and applied research.

(g) Student Quality of Life. The Board is responsible for assuring the high quality of student life necessary to ensure that higher education achievement can take place in an environment conducive to a high level of learning.

(h) Affiliated Foundations. The Board is responsible for assuring that priorities for fund raising, research, athletics, real estate acquisition and disposal, and other affiliated foundation activities are consistent with the University's mission, priorities, and goals.

While the Board recognizes the independent governance of these private activities, the Board is responsible for private resources contributed to the University for public purpose. Guidelines for the exercise of this responsibility are contained in the Board Policies and Procedures Manual (see Article VIII of these Bylaws) and affiliation agreements.

(i) Audit Planning and Review. The Board is responsible for the selection of accountability measures, review of results, and determination of how effectively its policies have been implemented through the audit process; i.e., whether the University's allocation of resources is consistent with the Board's priorities and with the University' financial position.

(j) Fiscal Efficiency. In its review and approval of the University's annual operating budget and the setting of tuition and fees, the Board is ultimately responsible for assuring fiscal efficiency; i.e., the cost-effective operation of the University.

(k) Institutional Advancement. The Board is responsible for promoting the academic purpose, strategic initiatives, service, and solvency of the University among its many constituents by communicating the institution's accomplishments, sharing its vision for the future, relating the community to the campus and the campus to the community, maintaining constituent trust, and engaging the larger local, national and international community in partnerships to achieve University goals and objectives.

ARTICLE II Members

§ 2.01. Resignation. Any member of the Board of Visitors may resign at any time by providing notice to the Governor. Notice also shall be provided to the Rector so that the Board can take measures to accommodate said resignation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in such notice and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of said resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

§ 2.02. (Reserved)

§ 2.03. Visitors Emeriti. In recognition of the invaluable service rendered to the University during their appointments to the Board of Visitors and the informed counsel they are capable of providing after their terms expire, former members of the Board shall be designated Visitors Emeriti. They shall be entitled to receive copies of minutes of the regular Board meetings and be invited to meet at least once each year with current members of the Board at a social or other function hosted by the Board of Visitors.

ARTICLE III Meetings

§ 3.01. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Visitors shall be held no less frequently than four times each year on such dates and in such places as may be set by the Rector and the Board of Visitors. Regular meetings scheduled annually in excess of the four published regular meetings shall be announced to Board members, University staff, and the public at least 30 calendar days prior to the day the regular meeting is to be convened to assure maximum participation, the three day statutory notification notwithstanding. The regular meeting during the month of June of each year shall be the annual meeting.

§ 3.02. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Rector, or, in his/her absence or disability, by the Vice Rector, or by any three Visitors at such dates, times, and places, with agenda, as may be specified in the call for such meeting.

§ 3.03. Emergency Meetings. Emergency meetings are special meetings and may be called by giving reasonable notice to all members and the public whenever in the judgment of the Rector, in consultation with the President, there is an emergency. A quorum of five voting members shall be sufficient to transact any business with respect to said emergency, except declarations of fiscal exigency. Declarations of fiscal exigency only must be made by an affirmative vote of at least 12 voting members.

§ 3.04. Special and Emergency Meeting Notice. For special meetings under normal, non-emergency circumstances, seven days' notice shall be given of the date, time, place, and agenda of all non-electronic communication meetings, by the Secretary/Executive Secretary of the Board. Emergency meeting notice shall provided, as reasonably timely as possible under the circumstances, and be given contemporaneously to the public with notice provided to Board members.

§ 3.05. Quorum. (Effective July 1, 2002) A majority of voting members of the Board of Visitors serving at any time shall constitute a quorum (§ 23-49.17. (b), *Code of Virginia*).

§ 3.06. Order of Business. The order of business at meetings is set forth in the Board Policy and Procedures, unless modified at the discretion of the Rector with the modification(s) approved by a majority of the voting Board members present. Matters to be placed on the Board's regular and special meeting agenda and requests for public comment shall be brought to the attention of the Rector or the President in writing at least 15 calendar days in advance of the meeting at which the issue is to be addressed or public comment accepted. Reports of invited representatives and anticipated issues or resolutions requiring Board decisions under unfinished and new business and the point or points during the meeting where public comment will be accepted will be specified in the published pre-meeting agenda. Such agenda shall be distributed to all Board members at least seven days prior to each regularly scheduled Board meeting. Supplementary agenda items originating after distribution of the pre-meeting agenda shall be provided to all Board members as soon as they are identified and may be considered if confirmed by a majority of the voting members of the Board.

§ 3.07. Conduct of Business. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, these Bylaws, Board Policies and Procedures, and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, in order of descending precedence. The Vice Rector shall serve as Board parliamentarian for purposes of interpreting *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. The Board shall request the presence of the University's legal representative at all open and closed meetings and committee meetings except those where the President is being evaluated or presenting portions of his/her Annual Report dealing with the evaluation of University officers, unless otherwise directed by the Attorney General. At the Board's discretion, it may request the presence of the University's legal representative during evaluations if it is considering: (1) whether the party or parties involved are in breach of his/her contract; (2) or the Board is seeking legal advice about the amounts and methods of compensating the President or other officers involved.

§ 3.08. Voting Procedures. Votes on substantive matters shall be taken by roll-call vote, conducted by the Secretary, of all voting members supporting, opposing, or abstaining from the matter. Incidental or procedural motions (e.g., adjournment) may be carried or defeated by voice vote, however, all votes taken during electronic communication meetings shall be by roll-call and so recorded in the meeting minutes (§ 2.2-3708.D., *Code of Virginia*). No proxies, secret, or written ballots are authorized in any Board meeting (§ 2.2-3710., *Code of Virginia*). The roll-call vote shall be recorded in the minutes by the Secretary calling the roll. Should members attending the meeting be absent for the vote, their absence shall be noted in the minutes. The Student Representative to the Board of Visitors is a non-voting member, but his/her comment regarding an issue may be recorded in the minutes.

ARTICLE IV

Committees

§ 4.01. Executive Committee.

(a) Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of eight members of the Board, three of whom shall be the elected officers of the Board. The remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be the chairs of each standing committee of the Board. Vacancies, other than Board officers who must be elected, may be filled at any time by appointment of the Rector and confirmation by the Board. In the event a standing committee chair is also an elected officer, the vice chair of that particular standing committee shall be a member of the executive committee to maintain the executive committee membership at eight members. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of three Executive Committee members. In the absence of standing committee chairs, standing committee vice chairs may serve on the Executive Committee and count towards a quorum as directed by the Rector.

(b) Duties and Authority. The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the Rector or the President. The Executive Committee shall have the power of the Board to take such actions as are necessary to direct the affairs of the University between meetings of the Board. The full Board must be notified of all actions taken by the Executive Committee and all actions must be ratified by the Board at its next regular or a special meeting called for that purpose in emergency situations. The committee shall coordinate the policy development and

the goals/objectives of all Board committees and shall recommend the means whereby the Board will assess its effectiveness in accordance with § 9.03. of these Bylaws. A complete record of all actions of the Executive Committee shall be maintained by the Secretary and shall be provided to each member of the Board within 15 working days after the Executive Committee meeting at which such actions were taken. All members of the Board shall be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings and all Board members in attendance at an Executive Committee shall be entitled to vote. Meeting notices shall be provided as set forth in § 3.04. of these Bylaws.

§ 4.02. Standing Committees. In addition to the Executive Committee, the standing committees of the Board shall consist of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee, Institutional Advancement Committee, Administration and Finance Committee, the Student Advancement Committee, and the Audit Committee. The chairs and members of the five standing committees shall be appointed by the Rector, after consultation with the parties involved, and approved by the Board at the meeting at which the appointments are proposed by the Rector, for terms of two years, and shall serve until their successors have been duly appointed. All members subsequently may be reappointed from year to year. Board members shall typically serve on two standing committees. The chairs of standing committees shall serve until their successors have been duly appointed. Officer vacancies shall be filled in accordance with § 5.04. of these Bylaws and Standing Committee chair vacancies (versus temporary absences) may be filled at any time by appointment of the Rector and confirmation by the Board. A quorum of each of the standing committees shall consist of three voting Visitors who are committee members. The Rector and Vice Rector are deemed committee members for all purposes, including a quorum. The agenda for each regular Board meeting shall include reports by committees, to the Board. Unless otherwise specifically provided by the Board, decisions/recommendations of standing committees (except decisions by the Academic and Research Advancement Committee on review of negative tenure decisions and the approval of the annual internal compliance and operations audit plan by the Administration and Finance Committee) are advisory and must be ratified and approved by the Board of Visitors.

(a) Academic and Research Advancement Committee. The Academic and Research Advancement Committee supports the Board's responsibility to advance and protect the academic quality of the education and research offered by the University. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on the academic mission, purpose, strategic plans, important academic and research initiatives, and regular and special programs of the University; on awards and honorary degrees; on faculty personnel appointments, policies and procedures, including tenured appointments, policies, and procedures; and on student recruitment and admissions criteria and policies. The Academic and Research Advancement Committee is designated by the Board as the committee with the responsibility of responding, on behalf of the Board, to requests from faculty for review of negative tenure decisions. In the case the Committee recommends in favor of tenure, this must be approved by the Board. A negative decision is final. The Committee may meet, as it deems necessary, with faculty, staff representatives, and other University members as requested through the President.

(b) Institutional Advancement Committee. The Institutional Advancement Committee supports the Board's responsibility for relations with affiliated foundations and is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on matters and policies pertaining to the

University's government relations, fund raising, community (including military) and public relations, and alumni activities.

(c) Administration and Finance Committee. The Administration and Finance Committee supports the Board's responsibilities for the budget process, accountability, and fiscal efficiency in general. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on matters pertaining to the purchase, lease, sale, construction, and maintenance of University owned or controlled land and buildings; on fiscal policies; oversight of the fiscal accounts and operations of the University, including budget, investments, and the impact of the foregoing on the University's overall fiscal condition, mission and purpose. The Committee may also receive reports from the University Auditor on matters of economy, efficiency and effectiveness of operations and internal controls.

(d) Student Advancement Committee. The Student Advancement Committee supports the Board's responsibilities for ensuring student quality of life and fiscal affordability. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on matters and policies pertaining to students and shall continuously assess and appraise the quality of student life. It shall review policies relating to student rights, responsibilities, conduct, and discipline, including matters related to the student honor system. The Committee shall consider issues concerning student organizations and their funding, extracurricular activities, and matters related to student government and appropriate student participation in University governance by all types of students. The Committee shall review athletic policy and programs, both intramural and intercollegiate, and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Board.

(e) Audit Committee. The Audit Committee helps the Board fulfill its financial oversight and compliance responsibilities. The Committee is responsible for (1) oversight of financial reporting and financial statement matters and any critical accounting and reporting issues; (2) reviewing annually the audited financial statements with internal auditors, determining that the administration has been open and has acted in good faith in connection with the audit; and (3) oversight of the internal audit function, including receiving reports and approval of the annual audit plan. Members of the Audit Committee should have some basic knowledge of generally-accepted accounting procedures and financial reporting and controls. Members of the Audit Committee may serve on the Administration and Finance Committee; however, a majority of the Audit Committee may not serve on the Administration and Finance Committee.

(f) Additional Responsibilities. Each standing committee shall periodically review Board Policies and Procedures in its areas of responsibility and recommend revisions as necessary. The standing committees shall have such other duties and responsibilities as are assigned to them by the Board or by the Rector, subject to the Board's approval. In accordance with the preceding and after consulting with their respective committees and appropriate University officials, committee chairs shall present goals/objectives for the coming year at the Executive Committee meeting set by the Rector. Goals/objectives shall be initiatives consistent with the mission of each standing committee as set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (d) in this Bylaws section, and previously initiated goals and objectives of the University and the Board's Standing Committees.

§ 4.03. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating Board members for Board officers positions. In even numbered years, at the annual June meeting of the Board, a Nominating Committee of an odd number of not less than three members along with two alternates shall be elected by the Board. The Committee shall meet at the same meeting during which it is created to elect its chair. The Nominating Committee shall consult with the Rector, the President, and all other Board members about the needs of the University without being bound by their suggestions.

(a) Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall post a call for nominations for officers from the Board no later than July 15. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the committee chair and shall be due no later than 14 days following the date of the call for nominations. Members of the Board may feel free to nominate themselves for an office to the chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominees for officers must have more than one year remaining on their terms of appointment. The Nominating Committee should give priority to nominating members for office whose terms of appointment on the Board do not expire simultaneously so the Board shall not be without a presiding officer.

(b) Presentation of Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least 30 days prior to the September Fall Board meeting to determine the nominations to be presented to the Board. The recommendation of the nominating committee shall be distributed with the announcement of the meeting of the Board of Visitors in the even numbered year in which the election of officers is to be held. At that meeting, the nominating committee shall present one candidate for each office for election in accordance with § 5.01. of these Bylaws. Nominations from the floor may be made from the floor prior to such election.

(c) Committee Vacancies. In the event a member of the Nominating Committee cannot serve or becomes a candidate for an office for which the committee is selecting candidates, he/she shall resign from the committee immediately and the Rector shall immediately appoint a previously elected alternate as a replacement. Should circumstances require additional alternates, they shall be elected by the Executive Committee at a special meeting convened for that purpose.

(d) Officer Vacancies. The Nominating Committee may be elected by Board members at a regular or special meeting to fill vacant officer positions that may be created. The Nominating Committee shall then meet as required by § 5.04. Vacancies of these Bylaws.

§ 4.04. Presidential Search Committee. As necessary, but not later than the first regular meeting of the Board after the President expresses to the Board his/her intent to step down or leave the University or departs under other circumstances (e.g., prolonged illness or death), the Board shall elect a Presidential Search Committee of five or more Board members, along with two alternates, and may include no more than four non-Board members as non-voting members to that committee. The Committee, whose mission is to search for and select the best possible choices for a new president, shall meet at the same meeting at which it is created to elect its chair who must be a voting Board member, regardless of whether nonmember appointments have been made. All Committee meetings shall be held in conformity with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and its exceptions.

(a) University Needs. The Presidential Search Committee shall consult with the Rector, the President, other members of the Board of Visitors, the faculty, the alumni and students, and the community about the needs of the University. The Board may secure the services of a search firm or consultant to assist in the search and selection. The Board may also immediately commission the conduct of an institutional review by a reputable agency or consultant.

(b) Practices and Procedures. The Committee shall prepare a search budget and a range of compensation for the next president, both of which shall be approved by the Board early in the search process. The Board shall be kept informed of the Committee's progress and expenses incurred and anticipated at regular Board and Executive Committee meetings by the committee chair. The search committee shall consider external and internal candidates equally, based on the depth of their experience and the needs of the University. The Committee's duties shall be completed when it recommends the requisite number of candidates previously specified by the Board to the Board for consideration, unless the Board requests that other candidates be brought forth or the search be continued. Approval of a candidate requires the affirmative vote of at least nine voting members of the Board.

(c) Committee Vacancies. In the event a member of the Presidential Search Committee cannot serve, he/she shall resign from the Committee immediately and the Rector shall promptly appoint a previously elected alternate as a replacement. Should circumstances require additional alternates, they shall be elected by the Board at the next regular Board or Executive Committee meeting or, if necessary, at a special meeting convened for that purpose.

(d) Unexpected Vacancy in the President's Position. In case of an unplanned vacancy in the position of the President, the Board shall expeditiously designate an Acting President to serve until a President shall be appointed by the Board and installed in the office. The Board shall hold an emergency meeting and proceed with the preceding provisions of this section of the Bylaws. The Presidential Selection Committee shall be tasked to select expeditiously the best possible choice for the Acting President following the procedures outlined in this section of the Bylaws. In the interim, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall act as the University's Acting President.

§ 4.05. Special Committees. Special or *ad hoc* committees may be created at any time either by action of the Board of Visitors, or by written direction of the Rector with the approval of the Board. Special committees shall consist of no fewer than three members appointed by the Rector who shall appoint the chair, and fill vacancies in consultation with the Chair. The Rector shall also have the power to change the membership of special committees at any time with the concurrence of the chair and the Board, unless it is the chair who is to be removed. In making initial or subsequent assignments of individuals to special committees, the Rector shall take volunteers into account. Special committees shall have a life specified by the Board at the time of constitution, shall be subject to annual reviews, and may be renewed for a specified period by action of the Board. At the time the special committee is created, its mission shall be specifically established and articulated either by action of the Board or by written direction of the Rector with approval of the Board. The resolution of the Board or the direction of the Rector shall specify the time the special committee is to make its report to the Board.

§ 4.06. Subcommittees. Committees may appoint subcommittees of not less than three voting Board members from within their memberships to consider such specific business as required, subject to Board approval of such subcommittee's creation.

§ 4.07. Appointment of Non-Board Advisors to Committees. Non-Board members cannot be appointed to Board of Visitors committees without the Board approving each individually named proposed member. The advisors who are approved for membership shall serve under the same conditions as Board members; however, they shall serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

§ 4.08. Attendance. Board of Visitors members are entitled to attend all Board functions, including open and closed meetings of Board committees. Where conflicts arise due to several committees meeting simultaneously, the Board member shall give priority to the standing committee to which he/she has been assigned, unless excused by the standing committee chair and the Rector.

§ 4.09. Notice and Conduct. The chair, or vice chair acting on behalf of the chair, or a majority of the membership of the committee or subcommittee, may call meetings. Committee meetings shall be noticed in the same manner as Board meetings as set forth in § 4.04 of these Bylaws. The conduct of business of any committee or subcommittee shall be governed by the procedures set forth in these Bylaws.

§ 4.10. Removal. Standing and special committee chairs only may be removed by the Rector with prior approval of the Board, with at least nine voting members voting in the affirmative for removal. Members or advisors may be removed from Board committees on the recommendation of the committee chair and approved by a majority of committee members, after an affirmative vote by a majority of Board members attending the meeting at which the recommendation is presented.

ARTICLE V

Board Officers

§ 5.01. Officers Elected from the Board. The officers to be elected from the members of the Board of Visitors shall be the Rector, Vice Rector, and Secretary. Officers must have at least one year remaining in their terms. At the first regular meeting after July 1 of even numbered years, the Board shall elect its officers from its own body (§ 23-49.17. (b), *Code of Virginia*). Newly elected officers shall take office immediately following the close of the meeting at which elected and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected. Officers must be elected by an affirmative vote of at least nine voting members of the Board. Officers may not hold the same office for more than one term. For purposes of the preceding sentence, service of a partial term of one year or less shall not be considered.

§ 5.02. Removal. At any meeting of the Board of Visitors, any elected officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of at least nine voting members of the Board of Visitors.

§ 5.03. Resignation. Any elected officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Visitors, to the Rector, or to the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in such notice and the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

§ 5.04. Vacancies. Vacancies in any office shall be reported to the Board as soon as possible after notice is received. The vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Visitors at the meeting during which the vacancy is first created or discovered by immediately electing a Nominating Committee as outlined in § 4.03. of these Bylaws and electing an officer or officers at the current, or special, or next regular meeting to fill vacancies. The election shall require an affirmative vote of at least nine voting members of the Board. In the temporary absence of all three officers, the Board shall elect one of its voting members to preside.

§ 5.05. Rector. The Rector shall serve as the presiding officer, spokesperson, and designated representative of the Board.

(a) Duties. The Rector shall preside at all meetings of the Board and its Executive Committee. As presiding officer, the Rector has an obligation to ensure that all sides of a pending question are heard and, though not required, he/she may voluntarily step aside and have the next senior officer present preside or appoint a temporary chair, if the Rector wishes to enter into the debate. The Rector's relationship with other Board members is as an equal among equals with no authority over other Board members except as stated in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. The Rector is the liaison between the Board and the President who works for the entire Board. The Rector shall maintain the integrity of Board procedures and facilitate a high level of interest, involvement, and activity among the Board members (Board Policies and Procedures Manual).

(b) Authority. The Rector has no authority to act on behalf of the Board or the University except as that authority is expressly delegated to the incumbent by these Bylaws or a majority vote of the Board prior to the initiation of such activities.

(c) Committees. The Rector shall serve as *ex-officio* member of all committees of the Board, except the Nominating and Presidential Search Committees, and appoint all standing and *ad hoc* committee members with the approval of the Board, except members to the Nominating and Presidential Search Committees.

(d) Board Meeting Agenda. The Rector shall determine, in consultation with the President, committee chairs, and other Board members, business to be brought before meetings of the Board, act as the Board's spokesperson, and perform such other duties as are incident to the presiding officer of the Board, or as may be assigned by the Board.

(e) Board of Visitors Operating Budget. The Rector shall provide guidance to the Vice Rector and the Executive Secretary to the Board in the development of a budget for Board operations (§ 10.04. of these Bylaws) annually as required by the budgeting cycle.

§ 5.06. Vice Rector. The Vice Rector shall serve as *ex-officio* member of all standing committees of the Board, except the nominating committee, and shall perform the duties of the Rector in the Rector's absence and such other special duties as are assigned by the Rector. The Vice Rector shall serve as Board parliamentarian. He/she shall be responsible for presenting Executive Committee reports at regular meetings and tracking and reporting unfinished business.

The Vice Rector shall be responsible for formulating the Board of Visitors Operating Budget (see Bylaws § 9.04.) for presentation to the Board for approval at the Spring regular meeting and shall regularly ensure that the status of the Board Budget Account is reported at each regular and Executive Committee meeting.

§ 5.07. Secretary. The Secretary shall take or supervise the taking of minutes of the open meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee, have constructive custody of all books and records of the Board, supervise the issuance of notices of meetings of the Board and Executive Committee in advance of the meeting, have constructive custody of the Seal of the University and affix the Seal to any instrument as authorized by the Board, the Rector, the Vice Rector, or President. The Secretary shall represent the Board and preside at the meetings of the Board and its Executive Committee in the absence of the Rector and Vice Rector, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office (see Bylaws § 7.04. and Article VIII) or as may from time to time be assigned by the Board. When directed by the Board, the Secretary shall take the minutes of closed meetings and be responsible for the security of draft minutes and audio recordings of closed meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that all Board of Visitors' reports required by the Commonwealth are submitted in a timely manner by the Rector.

§ 5.08. Other Representatives of the Board. From time to time, the Rector may designate a member of the Board, who is not an officer, to represent the Board on special occasions or for special ceremonies. Any member so designated shall be limited in his/her actions on behalf of the Board by the express role delegated by the Board for each occasion. The Rector only shall delegate his/her role as Board spokesperson for policy and other Board matters to other Board officers.

ARTICLE VI

University Administrative Officers

§ 6.01. The President. The President of the University is appointed by the Board of Visitors and serves at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed only by an affirmative vote of at least nine voting Board members. The President is the chief executive and academic officer of the University and has direct charge of and is responsible to the Board for the operation of the University. The President shall submit to the Board, in writing, an annual report on the condition of the University.

- (a) Responsibilities of the President include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Providing leadership in the development of the University's mission and programs;

- (2) Providing leadership for the governance of the University's faculty, all other University employees, and students;
- (3) Balancing the University's revenues and expenditures, managing the University's funds and other resources, assuring the financial integrity of the University, and reporting the financial condition of the University to the Board, on a regular basis.
- (4) Managing and personally participating in public and private fund-raising;
- (5) Managing the University's facilities;
- (6) Implementing the Policies and Procedures of the Board relating to University operations.
- (7) Making recommendations to the Board concerning the initial appointment of faculty, the award of tenure to faculty, and the granting of emeritus status;
- (8) Making recommendations to the Board concerning the comprehensive fee to be charged to students and setting other fees including, but not limited to, fees for certain vocational, non-credit, institute and specialized courses based on the type of courses and the cost of instruction;
- (9) Recommending to the Board a management structure for the University and the organization of the University's academic programs into colleges, schools, departments, divisions, and centers of instruction;
- (10) Making other recommendations, as necessary, to the Board or to Board committees with regard to matters falling within the authority of the Board;
- (11) Speaking on behalf of the University as its official spokesperson and representing the University as its designated representative;
- (12) Presiding over official meetings and functions of the University, except Board of Visitors meetings and Board-sponsored events;
- (13) Keeping the Rector informed and informing the Board of actions taken by the President on behalf of the Board and of the development of critical or controversial issues at the next regular Board meeting, or sooner via correspondence as the situation warrants;

- (14) Reviewing, accepting, modifying, or rejecting recommendations of the campus governance bodies, or causing such activities to be done, with respect to any matter concerning academic policy, programs, or procedures. To present to the Board all formal recommendations on such matters, ensuring that significant dissenting positions are reported. In turn, the President formally shall inform the faculty and other governance bodies of the Board's position in those areas where their interests and well-being are affected; and
- (15) Performing such other specific responsibilities as are required by the Policies and Procedures of the Board or by the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(b) As the University's designated representative, the President is delegated the general authority to act on behalf of the University and the Board of Visitors, except in the selection and contracting of a new president. The President or designee shall report to the Administration and Finance Committee, any budget changes of \$250,000 or more.

(c) The authority of the President to act on behalf of the University and the Board includes, but is not limited to, the authority:

- (1) To appoint and to reappoint all faculty and fix their salaries, subject to Board ratification;
- (2) To approve promotions in rank of faculty and to designate faculty to the honors of eminent professor or university professor;
- (3) To take final actions on behalf of the University in all other personnel matters concerning the University employees, except that the President shall not have the authority to make final decisions on faculty requests for Board review of negative tenure decisions or to make final decisions on severe faculty sanctions as set forth in the Board Policies and Procedures;
- (4) To recommend to the Board for approval the awarding of degrees and certificates to candidates who have completed all degree requirements and are recommended by the faculty of the appropriate college, school, or division, and the authority to confer such degrees and certificates.
- (5) To approve the use of University facilities;
- (6) To approve the use of the University's name and visual identification;
- (7) To execute contracts, leases and other legal instruments;

- (8) To execute documents necessary to purchase, sell or otherwise convey interests in real property, subsequent to Board approval;
- (9) To accept gifts;
- (10) To write off uncollectible debts and to settle claims;
- (11) To make final decisions on student disciplinary matters;
- (12) To recommend to the Board for approval the comprehensive fee and to set other fees for certain vocational, non-credit, institute and specialized courses based on the type of courses and the cost of instruction; and
- (13) To exercise such other authority as is provided by the Policies and Procedures of the Board or by the statutes and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(d) The President may designate another University officer or employee to exercise, in whole or in part, the authority provided to the President herein, provided that the President shall be responsible to the Board for the actions of his/her designee.

(e) The authority of the President, as provided herein, shall be exercised in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and in accordance with the bylaws, policies, procedures, and specific instructions of the Board.

(f) Evaluation of the President. The Board is responsible for oversight of the President's performance (§ 1.01. (a) of these Bylaws). The President, in open or closed session, as appropriate, at the annual meeting of the Board, shall submit his/her annual report on objectives, specific and general, developed by the President and the Rector and agreed to by the Board for the past year. The Board shall subsequently evaluate the President's performance for the past year. Objectives for each ensuing year shall also be presented at the annual meeting of the Board for approval. At least every three years or at any time deemed desirable by the Board, the President shall be evaluated more formally. Procedures for Presidential Evaluation are contained in the Board Policy and Procedures.

§ 6.02. Vice Presidents and Deans

(a) Appointment. Vice Presidents and Deans of the University shall be appointed by the Board of Visitors on the recommendation of the President in all cases and additionally by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for Deans and shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

(b) Powers and Duties. Vice Presidents shall report directly and be responsible to the President. The Vice Presidents shall be responsible for the coordination, supervision and direction of those activities assigned by the President. Deans, as chief administrative officers of their respective colleges, are responsible to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the operation and development of their college.

§ 6.03. Other University Officers. The University shall have such administrative officers as are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Such other administrative officers shall have duties and responsibilities as assigned to them by the President, and shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

ARTICLE VII

Staff Personnel Supporting the Board

§ 7.01. University Auditor. The University Auditor is appointed by the Board of Visitors and is the internal auditor for the University. The University Auditor is functionally accountable and reports to the Board, but is a University employee reporting administratively to the President. The incumbent serves as an independent appraiser within the University for the review of University operations as a service to the Board and the President. The University Auditor shall report to the Board through the Administration and Finance Committee, as directed by the Board, and shall perform such specific duties and responsibilities incident to the office as are assigned by the Board or the President. The Board shall hire, annually evaluate, recommend compensation increases, and dismiss the person serving in this position, based on recommendations of the Administration and Finance Committee. The budget for, and authorization of, positions in the Office of the University Auditor shall be reviewed and recommended to the Board for approval via the Administration and Finance Committee.

(a) Removal. Any recommendation by the University Administration to terminate the incumbent must be approved by the Board of Visitors. The University Auditor may be removed only by assent of at least nine voting Board members.

(b) Resignation. A resignation by the University Auditor must be submitted to the President, the chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, and the Rector. Board members shall be notified immediately by the Rector or his/her designated representative.

(c) Vacancy. When there is a vacancy in this position, the Rector shall appoint a special committee from the Administration and Finance Committee, with the chair's concurrence, to seek and recommend a person to fill the vacancy. The committee shall consist of no fewer than five members, at least three of whom must be voting members of the Board. Procedures to be followed for an executive search shall be similar to those contained in § 4.04 of these Bylaws. The President may be involved in the process and an external audit of the Office of the University Auditor shall replace the institutional review if deemed necessary. Approval of a candidate requires the vote of at least nine voting members of the Board.

§ 7.02. Legal Representation. The University's legal counsel is appointed by the Attorney General and provides all legal services as set forth in § 2.2-507., *Code of Virginia*.

§ 7.03. Director of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action. The University Director of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action supports the Board of Visitors in assisting the University in its commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative action.

§ 7.04. Executive Secretary to the Board. The Executive Secretary to the Board is a university employee who shall be appointed by the President and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Executive Secretary to the Board manages the Office of the Board of Visitors, provides staff support to the Board and its Secretary, maintains the Board of Visitors Manual and the official records of the Board, has actual custody of the Seal of the University and may affix the Seal to any instrument as authorized by the Board, the Rector, the Vice Rector, or President with approval of the Board Secretary, ensures that the content of official regulations of the University contained in its publications corresponds with the content of Board established policies and procedures, manages funds allocated to the Office of the Board of Visitors in support of the responsibilities of the Vice Rector as contained in §§ 5.06. and 9.04. of these Bylaws, in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Advancement maintains contact with Visitors Emeriti as set forth in § 2.03. of these Bylaws, issues notices of meetings of the Board, Executive Committee, and other special committees in advance of each meeting, and performs such other duties and responsibilities incident to the Office of the Board of Visitors as may be assigned by the Board and the President or his/her designee relating to the incumbent's other duties in the University, if any. The President shall annually evaluate this individual in accordance with University policy, and may dismiss the person serving in this position, with the advice and counsel of the Board.

(a) Removal. Any decision by the University Administration to terminate the incumbent must be approved by the Board of Visitors. The Executive Secretary to the Board may be removed only by assent of at least nine voting Board members.

(b) Resignation. A resignation by the Executive Secretary to the Board must be submitted to the President and the Rector. Board members shall be notified immediately by the Rector or the President.

(c) Vacancy. When there is a vacancy in this position, the Rector shall request the President to fill the vacancy. The Board will be represented on the selection committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Board Policies and Procedures

§ 8.01. Definition. Actions by the Board of Visitors establishing policies or procedures shall be known as Board Policies and Procedures. Heretofore, Board Policies and Procedures have been styled "Rules and Regulations." All Rules and Regulations of the Board in existence on the date of the adoption of these Bylaws shall be considered as part of the Board Policies and Procedures and shall be referred to as such.

§ 8.02. Adoption. Board Policies and Procedures may be adopted, amended, modified or repealed, in whole or in part, at any meeting of the Board by an affirmative vote of at least nine of the voting members of the Board provided that notice of the proposed change has been given at least 15 calendar days prior to the meeting. Each member of the Board shall be provided a copy in manual form along with subsequent updates of the Board Policies and Procedures which shall be indexed so that Board members can find and use them expeditiously.

§ 8.03. Effective Date. Board Policies and Procedures shall be effective on adoption by the Board, or the Executive Committee when the Board is not in session, unless a different date be fixed by the Board.

§ 8.04. Publication of Policies and Procedures. The Board Secretary, assisted by the Executive Secretary to the Board, shall supervise the maintenance of all Policies and Procedures and may direct the publication of all or any part of same from time to time.

ARTICLE IX Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 9.01. Suspension of Bylaws. Except as set forth in this section, sections of these Bylaws or any portion thereof may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the Board by a three-fourths majority affirmative votes of all voting members present provided that no section shall be suspended unless at least nine members vote affirmatively therefore. Articles I and II of these Bylaws and other portions pertaining to the *Code of Virginia*, as referenced in the text, shall not be subject to suspension by the Board under any circumstances.

§. 9.02. Institutional Review. The Board may periodically commission an institutional review. This review may also serve as the evaluation of the president as set forth in §701. (f) of these Bylaws to preclude unnecessary duplication.

§ 9.03. Board Evaluation. The Board should conduct a self evaluation annually at a Board retreat. The Board should occasionally have a formal evaluation of its processes and procedures which could be conducted by an external evaluator at the discretion of the Executive Committee. In these endeavors, the candid opinions regarding the Board should be sought in an appropriate fashion from the University President, University Staff, Faculty, and Students along with the public at large.

§ 9.04. Board of Visitors Budget. The Office of the Board of Visitors shall be allocated funds in the annual University budget adopted by the Board. The Vice Rector, in conjunction with the Executive Secretary to the Board, shall be responsible for formulating the Board of Visitors Base Budget for the coming year (see Bylaws § 5.06. and § 7.04.) predicated on guidance developed by the Rector grounded on past spending patterns and anticipated needs. The Board of Visitors Budget shall be developed during the University's budget formulation process and shall be presented by the Vice Rector to the Board at the Spring regular meeting for approval. The Vice Rector, based on reports prepared by the Executive Secretary to the Board, shall regularly report on the status of the Board Budget Account at each regular and Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE X Amendments and Procedural Irregularities

§ 10.01. Procedure. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board by a vote of at least 12 voting members of the Board of Visitors provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least 45 calendar days prior to the meeting.

§ 10.02. Legislative Amendments. In the event any portion of the legislation pertaining to Old Dominion University is amended by Acts of the General Assembly in a manner in conflict with

these Bylaws, the laws of the Commonwealth shall control and these Bylaws will be amended thereby. Those portions of the Bylaws which are not affected by such legislation shall remain in full force and effect until and unless otherwise amended or repealed. Annual legislative amendments to the *Code of Virginia* may be initiated by the Board and the President; however, the Board must pass by a majority vote on all amendments, including annual budget amendments, to be submitted to the General Assembly on behalf of Old Dominion University.

§ 10.03. State Budget Requests. The Board shall participate in the formulation of the biennium budget request process. The Board or the Executive Committee must approve operating and capital requests by a majority vote. The Board shall review planning and financial feasibility studies for capital projects and approve them by a majority vote of voting members of the Board or the Executive Committee prior to submission to appropriate state agencies.

§ 10.04. Ratification of *Ultra Vires Act*. Any action taken in violation of these Bylaws is taken without authority. For such action to be legally binding, it must be ratified by an affirmative vote of at least nine voting members of the Board.

§ 10.05. Adoption, Effective Date and Repealer. These Bylaws are hereby adopted and shall be effective as of the 2nd day of April, 2009. All former Bylaws of the Board of Visitors are hereby repealed.