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OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, 16 July 2001**

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, 16 July 2001, at 3:00 PM in the Elizabeth River Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

Walter D. Kelley, Jr., Rector
Elizabeth W. Atkinson
Mary C. Haddad
Edward L. Hamm, Jr.
Ronald John A. Villanueva

Absent from the Executive Committee were:

Henry P. Bouffard
Patricia M. Woolsey

Also present from the Board of Visitors were:

Beverley B. Graeber
J. Jack W. Hilgers
William M. Lechler
James Toscano

Also present were:

Roseann Runte, President
Stephen Daniel
Robert L. Fenning
Donna W. Meeks
Jennifer Mullen
Philip R. Walzer (*Virginian-Pilot*)
Rita Woltz

CALL TO ORDER AND MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Rector called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and recognized Ms. Atkinson, who made the following motion: "Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and that we reconvene in

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters within the jurisdiction of the Board, specifically, consultation with legal counsel on a pending lawsuit, as permitted by Subsection (A), Paragraph (7) of Section 2.1-344 of the Code of Virginia."

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of executive session, the meeting reconvened in open session, at which time the Rector called for the Freedom of Information Act certification of compliance that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened were heard, discussed or considered. The certification of compliance vote was seven in favor and none opposed. *(Atkinson, Graeber, Haddad, Hamm, Hilgers, Lechler, Villanueva)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called on the Secretary who made a motion to approve as distributed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 19, 2001. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hilgers and unanimously approved. *(Atkinson, Graeber, Haddad, Hamm, Hilgers, Lechler, Villanueva)*

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector reported that, since the Board last met, he has had the opportunity to meet with President Runte on a number of occasions and has attended meetings of the Boards of Trustees of the Educational Foundation, Intercollegiate Foundation and Real Estate Foundation. At all three meetings, he was graciously received and he was pleased with their work. He was unable to attend last week's Research Foundation Board meeting; however, President Runte reported that the Research Foundation Board amended its Bylaws to include Board of Visitors representation on its board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rector called on President Runte for her report. President Runte reported on the unfortunate shooting incident that occurred earlier this morning and indicated that she has visited Officer Weir at the hospital and he is doing well and is expected to have a full recovery. She indicated that not only is Officer Weir working towards his master's degree at Old Dominion in Criminal Justice, but was also recently honored as Police Officer of the Year by the Department of Public Safety.

President Runte briefed the Committee on her plans to conduct searches for the positions of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Administration and Finance. She shared with the Committee lists of individuals who have agreed or will be asked to serve on the search committees, and indicated that Paul Champagne, chair of the Faculty Senate, will co-chair the Provost's search with her and Mr. Henry Bouffard will co-chair the Administration and Finance VP's search with her. The Provost's search committee also includes Mr. Joel Wagner as the representative from the Board of Visitors. She added that she has also invited TCC President DiCroce to serve on the Provost's search committee. Both committees include diverse representation from faculty, classified staff and students.

The Provost's position will be advertised in two issues of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and she hopes to bring forth a candidate for the Board's approval by December. The Administration and Finance VP's search will be a local search, and she hopes to bring a candidate to the Board for their approval at the meeting in September.

The President distributed a proposed schedule for the September Board meeting on September 13 and 14. She pointed out that a joint committee session will be held on Friday afternoon to discuss student recruitment and retention issues. She proposed that one or two Deans make presentations to the Board at lunch. Upon further discussion, the Board agreed that all should be invited to the lunch, but only one Dean will present at each lunch.

President Runte thanked Col. Hilgers for agreeing to serve on the Research Foundation Board and Ms. Atkinson for inviting her to Portsmouth to hear the two gubernatorial candidates speak. Her goals for the next few weeks is to meet with the area legislators to discuss the University's financial situation. She will also be meeting with campus focus groups to discuss the University's strategic plan and priorities. She will meet with the faculty in August to give her State of the University address.

On August 9, the Transportation Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee will be on campus to hear a presentation on the MagLev project. A demonstration of the MagLev technology will be held on August 29-30.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

The Rector called on Dr. Hilgers for the report of the Bylaws Revision Committee. Dr. Hilgers indicated that the final draft of the Bylaws were distributed with a cover memorandum from the Rector on July 6. He has asked several individuals to review the document for consistency, grammar, and typographical errors. The Rector indicated that the Bylaws revisions will be acted on at the September meeting. He has invited comment from all Board members. The next step will be to review the Board's policies and procedures and he has again invited input from all of the Board members. He will also work with the vice presidents on those sections under their respective areas. He expects the review process to take at least six months.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Rector asked if there was any old or unfinished business to come before the Board. President Runte asked Vice President Fenning to present an item for the Board's approval. Vice President Fenning explained the need to rescind the flat fee for the master's program in Physical Therapy which the Board had previously approved in April when it approved the comprehensive tuition and fee proposal. The return to the per-credit-hour tuition rate is proposed. He indicated that this will actually result in lower tuition and fees for in-state students but slightly higher tuition and fees for out-of-state students, the difference for which will be made up from fee reserves and contributions from Academic Affairs for those students who already enrolled under the flat fee rate.

Following discussion, the decision was made to strike the words "seven semester" in the second paragraph. Mr. Hamm made a motion to adopt the following resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graeber and unanimously approved. (*Atkinson, Graeber, Haddad, Hamm, Hilgers, Villanueva*)

RESOLUTION REGARDING 2001-2002 COMPREHENSIVE FEES

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 12, 2001, the Board of Visitors approved the comprehensive tuition and fee rates for fiscal year 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, included in the footnote of this resolution was the proposal for a flat fee of \$30,000 for the master's level Physical Therapy Program; and

WHEREAS, changes in the job market and the educational requirements for physical therapy students warrant a programmatic change in the direction of this program. The University plans to establish a doctoral-level program in academic year 2002-2003 and eliminate the master degree program; and

WHEREAS, a cost analysis of the doctoral program demonstrates the necessity to return to the current per-credit-hour rate structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors rescinds the decision to charge a flat fee for the Physical Therapy Program and reinstate the per-credit-hour rate structure as approved in the 2001-2002 comprehensive fee resolution.

Ms. Atkinson requested that Board members return to her as soon as possible the presidential evaluation forms.

NEW BUSINESS

The Rector asked if there was any new business to come before the Board. Dr. Hilgers distributed a proposed resolution to rename the Board Room the Board of Visitors Board Room and to recognize the first Board to hold its meetings there in September, 1993. If adopted by the Board in August or September, he suggested that a plaque be presented at the Board Reunion Dinner. Ms. Atkinson asked about the cost and whether the Board's budget could cover that cost. Dr. Hilgers indicated that he would work with the administration to determine what that cost would be prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Graeber expressed her concerns with the safety of the University's police officers, particularly in light of their exposure in covering areas outside the immediate campus. She requested that this topic be addressed at the next meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee. President Runte suggested that Chief Rice be invited to that meeting to address the Committee. Mr. Toscano asked if the University plans to present an award to Officer Weir and President Runte indicated that she would discuss that with Chief Rice. Ms. Graeber suggested that the Board present a resolution to Officer Weir at the September meeting.

Mr. Villanueva requested an update from President Runte on the plans for the inauguration. She indicated that the inauguration ceremony itself will be held on October 11, at which time several honorary degrees will be awarded. Additional activities, such as the Founders' Day dinner, and academic symposium and a student concert, will take place that week in conjunction with the inaugural.

The Rector indicated that an orientation session will be held for new Board members after the Governor's appointments are announced. He requested that Board members phone or e-mail him with suggestions for the orientation's format.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.