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**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, May 17, 2004**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, May 17, 2004, at 3:00 PM in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

Frank Batten, Jr., Rector  
Mary C. Haddad  
James A. Hixon  
Ross A. Mugler  
William E. Russell

Also present from the Board of Visitors was:

Conrad M. Hall

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Roseann Runte, President  
Robert L. Ash  
John R. Broderick  
Dana D. Burnett  
Robert L. Fenning  
Thomas L. Isenhour  
David Loope  
Donna Meeks  
Emily Richardson (*Student Representative*)

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Rector called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Hall moved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 23, 2004, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mugler and approved unanimously as distributed by all members present and voting. (*Hall, Mugler, Russell*)

**RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector indicated that he had no report.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Runte distributed a letter that she sent to faculty and staff concerning the budget. It included very good news for Old Dominion University. She indicated that the budget language also indicated that the Secretary of Education will meet with each of the institutions to monitor how the new funds will be used. President Runte stated that while strategic initiatives will be addressed with the new base funds, a portion of those funds have also been set aside to address the recruitment and retention of students. In addition, \$1 million will be held to address salary compression, marketing and inequity issues for both faculty and staff, to augment the 3% across-the-board merit increases approved by the General Assembly. Faculty will also be allowed to receive an additional 1.5% merit increase, for an average possible salary increase of 4.5%. William and Mary announced that faculty will receive a 6% increase and she anticipates that Virginia Tech and UVA will do something similar. VCU plans only to give the mandated 3% increase. President Runte commented that these additional salary increases will help increase Old Dominion University's rankings since faculty salaries is one of the criteria used in determining the rankings.

President Runte announced that *Quest*, Old Dominion's research magazine, recently received the award for being the top publication of its kind in the United States for the second year in a row. In addition, Old Dominion's fund-raising program won an award for being one of the superior fund-raising programs in the country and is now in the Circle of Excellence for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

President Runte announced the appointment of Mohammad Karim as Vice President for Research and distributed his curriculum vitae to the Committee. She added that Dr. Ash has agreed to serve as Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development. She distributed an article she wrote entitled, "Research and Collaboration: Cornerstones of Old Dominion's Regional Commitment," which outlines the many collaborative research efforts in which Old Dominion faculty and staff are involved. This article will be published in *The Daily Press*.

President Runte thanked the Board members who participated in the May graduation ceremonies and asked for suggestions for improvement. She indicated that the Rector recently attended the opening of the Battle Lab in Suffolk. This was made possible through a grant received from the State. The lab has already received a \$20 million contract from the federal government to conduct research in modeling and simulation.

The President announced that the University has raised enough funds to meet the requirements of a \$300,000 challenge grant in support of the Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding. She explained the efforts that went in to building support among the region's Jewish community, including the implementation of a minor in Jewish Studies, two major grants to improve Library collections in Jewish studies, as well as the establishment of a wide range of lectures and reading groups. Plans are now underway to build the academic program up to the Ph.D. level.

President Runte engaged the Committee in a brief discussion on the future growth and development of the higher education centers, indicating that she is having similar discussions with the vice presidents as part of the strategic planning efforts. Specific discussions have focused on possible future development of the Virginia Beach Center to capitalize on the planned development in that

area, including a new hospital and a major expansion of Tidewater Community College. Some suggestions offered by Committee members included expansion into growing population areas (such as the Bowers Hill area of Chesapeake and in Suffolk), matching course and degree offerings to demand at the various sites, and ensuring that the Centers are accessible to commuter students.

The President announced that the Colonial Athletic Association has decided to expand and will add Georgia State University and possibly one other institution. She opposed the expansion primarily because it will result in increased travel costs; however, the overall vote was in favor of expansion.

President Runte indicated that she will report to the Board at an upcoming meeting on the results of the focus group sessions that were held in preparation for revising the Strategic Plan.

The President indicated that she and the Provost will be traveling to Korea at the invitation of the Korean government to explore opportunities for Old Dominion, including the development of asynchronous courses in English, establishment of a research center (similar to the Battle Lab), and establishment of an Old Dominion campus in Korea to offer degree programs. She has been working with the Provost and others to develop proposals prior to the trip. She commented that while she considers this an exploration of possibilities, the Koreans are quite serious and have offered \$1 million up front to fund necessary construction and other costs. This could be an opportunity not only for Old Dominion to increase its revenue, but also as a means to increase its stature. In addition, this would be a way for Old Dominion to maintain its international student population now that it has become increasingly more difficult for international students to obtain visas to attend universities in the United States. She explained that the Koreans are interested in Old Dominion University because of our technology expertise in areas such as distance learning and modeling and simulation. She and the Provost will make presentations in four cities. The Rector encouraged the President to pursue this opportunity and to keep the Board informed. The President assured the Committee that no decisions would be made on this trip, nor would any decisions be made without the Board's approval.

President Runte announced that the Faculty Senate recently approved the Global Environment course that will be required of all freshman students beginning next spring. The faculty are working to make this interdisciplinary course as exciting as possible for the students.

### **RESOLUTION TO NAME THE ALUMNI CENTER**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Haddad, and seconded by Mr. Mugler, the following resolution was unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Haddad, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Russell*) The Board will be asked to ratify this resolution at their meeting in June.

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE ALUMNI CENTER**  
**THE BARRY M. KORNBLAU ALUMNI CENTER**

WHEREAS, Old Dominion University opened its first-ever Alumni Center in March, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this Alumni Center was made possible through a gift of \$420,000 from the Alumni Association, the largest gift ever made by the Association to the University; and

WHEREAS, these funds were used to transform the former Public Safety Building on the Old Dominion University campus to a beautiful facility that will be the host site for various alumni events and serve as a welcome center for alumni visiting their alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Barry M. Kornblau, a 1971 political science graduate of Old Dominion University and a member of the Old Dominion University Educational Foundation board and past member of the Board of Visitors and the boards of the Alumni Association and Intercollegiate Foundation, spearheaded this effort through a significant personal contribution to the Association's building fund; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Kornblau's gift, the Alumni Association has recommended to the Board of Visitors that the new center be named in his honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University approve naming the new Alumni Center the Barry M. Kornblau Alumni Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Visitors, and an appropriately framed copy be displayed in the new Alumni Center.

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**BUDGET UPDATE**

Vice President Fenning briefed the Committee on the budget that was recently approved by the General Assembly. He commented that, due in large part to the efforts of President Runte, Vice President Broderick and Elizabeth Wallace, Old Dominion University fared very well in terms of its approved budget for fiscal year 2005. The most significant aspect of the budget is the section that deals with base adequacy and enrollment growth. To begin to address Old Dominion's base adequacy shortfall, the General Assembly appropriated \$7.1 million in base general funds for FY05, and \$11 million in base general funds for FY06. While specific language was included with this appropriation for each of the institutions of higher education, Old Dominion University's appropriation acknowledged that the institution may increase its enrollment capacity through expansion of distance education, TELETECHNET and summer school.

In addition, Old Dominion University received funds for 3% salary increases for faculty (55% general fund share only) and classified staff, which will become effective November 25, 2004, as

well as a set-aside for salary increases in FY06; significant adjustments to employee benefits (NGF); and a \$438,034 increase in student financial aid in both years of the biennium. The General Assembly also passed legislation that will allow military dependents to receive in-state tuition for one year, which would be extended if the student or parent pays Virginia state income taxes, and will make \$2 million available through SCHEV to reimburse costs to institutions. For Old Dominion, the impact of this is estimated at \$1.9 million in reduced revenue.

Old Dominion University also received an increase in Maintenance Reserve Funding (from \$318,672 to \$1,138,528) in each year of the biennium, a significant increase in its Equipment Trust Fund allocation for each year of the biennium (from \$2.4 million to \$3.5 million), annualized O&M funding for the new Engineering & Computational Sciences Building, \$406,000 in one-time general funds for research efforts in Coastal Environmental Science and Computational Modeling in the second year of the biennium, and \$55 million budget authority for capital projects. Vice President Fenning shared the specific capital projects included in this budget authority which includes non-general funds, and 9D and 21<sup>st</sup> Century bond proceeds.

Vice President Broderick provided the names of the patrons for the base adequacy and capital projects appropriations. In the House, they were Bob Tata, Chris Jones and Lionel Spruill. From the Senate, Ken Stolle, Fred Quayle and Marty Williams. He noted that these individuals represent not only both parties, but also each of the communities in Hampton Roads. President Runte indicated that she has sent a letter to every member of the House and Senate as well as the Governor thanking them on behalf of everyone at Old Dominion University.

Vice President Fenning indicated that the administration is currently developing its operating budget, which will be shared with the Board in June. President Runte stated that most of the new base funding will be used for strategic initiatives and retention efforts. The Rector asked about the next generation of distance learning and the development of asynchronous courses. President Runte commented that the University has some funding to start this year, but additional funds will be requested to supplement the additional base fund allocation in order to advance this initiative in FY06.

In response to a question from Ms. Haddad, President Runte indicated that she did not expect the out-of-state tuition waiver for military dependents to impact enrollment significantly. What is of bigger concern is the drop in international student enrollment due to their difficulty in obtaining visas.

### **OLD/UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

The Rector asked if there was any old/unfinished business or new business to come before the Committee. Mr. Hall asked about the status of various searches. President Runte stated that an offer has been made for the University Librarian position and negotiations are underway. The search committee for the Engineering Dean meets tomorrow and a decision is expected soon. For both of these positions, there are one internal and three external candidates. The search for the Health Sciences Dean has just begun.

Mr. Hall asked when the President would like to receive the completed strategic planning questionnaires back from the Board members. The President asked that they be returned as soon as they can be completed, as the Provost plans to complete a first draft of the Strategic Plan very soon.

The Rector distributed the proposed schedule for the June Board meeting, indicating that it will be held at the Peninsula Center.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM