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OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2003

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, August 14, 2003, at 12:00 noon in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

Mary C. Haddad, Vice Rector
James A. Hixon
Ross A. Mugler

Also present from the Board of Visitors were:

Kendra M. Croshaw
Katherine A. Treherne

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Roseann Runte, President
Julie R. Adie
Debbie Battiston
Alonzo Brandon
John R. Broderick
Dana D. Burnett
Stephen Daniel
Robert L. Fenning
Jim Gildea
Ray Gindroz
Thomas L. Isenhour
Donna Meeks
Ronald Tola
Philip Walzer (*The Virginian-Pilot*)

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Rector, Ms. Haddad, Vice Rector, presided and called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. She welcomed new Board member Dr. Katherine Treherne, Ray Gindroz and Debbie Battistone from Urban Design Associates, and Jim Gildea from the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE UPDATE

Vice President Fenning explained that he, Ray Gindroz and Jim Gildea have been working together for several months to develop a set of design guidelines for the private sector development portion of the University Village. These discussions have resulted in a number of changes to the Village Master Plan, which are now being shared with the Board of Visitors, the Real Estate Foundation, and the Norfolk Planning Commission. He introduced Ray Gindroz of Urban Design Associates, who presented the updated Village Master Plan to the Committee.

Mr. Gindroz explained the process that was used to refine the Village Master Plan in order to build on the quality of what has been built so far, while addressing some concerns that arose with the original plan, particularly in the retail area of the Village. He explained that the Village could be seen as having four distinct “addresses” - the Convocation Center, Monarch Way, the residential area, and the commercial/retail area, each of which were examined separately in terms of land use and quality of address.

Mr. Gindroz described how the current Village residences were redesigned, even as construction was already underway, and shared plans for the remainder of Monarch Way south of 41st Street. He noted how more residential units could be included in the area of the shopping center if Monarch Way moved east, creating a “Town Square.” In addition, the annex area of the Village is being redesigned to improve its marketability.

Mr. Gindroz commented that having these design guidelines, mutually agreed upon by the University, the Foundation and the City, will help with the necessary approval processes and in marketing the Village. President Runte complimented Mr. Gindroz for including more student residences and increased research space in the new design guidelines. Vice President Fenning said that the design guidelines should be finalized by mid-September and a series of proposals will be solicited and reviewed during the fall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2003 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Mugler moved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 17, 2003, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hixon and was approved unanimously as distributed by all members present and voting. (*Croshaw, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne*)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Runte reported that the Enrollment Proposal has received enthusiastic support from the members of the House and Senate with whom she has met. She will be meeting with members of the local business community to share this proposal from an economic development perspective, noting that the proposal, if funded, will bring 220 additional faculty members, plus 390 graduate students, to the region. She hopes to garner both state and regional support for the plan, and asked Board members for any suggestions on points she should make when she meets with individuals and groups to present the proposal.

Mr. Mugler asked if this was an “all or nothing” proposal. The President explained that she has been presenting this as a comprehensive proposal, and it would be difficult to do without all of its parts. The only portion of the proposal that could be done independently is the expanded summer school, and the University is practically doing that already. The Provost added that this is a progressive plan, with funding being requested over several years. Mr. Hixon commented that no other proposals have been proposed by the other universities to deal with the anticipated influx of students.

President Runte indicated that SCHEV has recommended the proposal to the Governor, and she meets with the Governor on August 25th to discuss it in more detail. Ms. Haddad requested, and Vice President Broderick provided, a one-page summary of the proposal.

President Runte commented on the increased student enrollment for the fall semester and noted that demand for housing has once again exceeded capacity. As a result, some students will be housed in hotels. She indicated that the number of students who accepted offers up front also increased, demonstrating that Old Dominion University is increasingly becoming the first-choice institution for incoming students. Vice President Broderick added that 75% of the students who attended the scholarship competition ended up enrolling, and many high school valedictorians and salutatorians chose Old Dominion University as their school of choice. President Runte stated that Preview sessions are being held for incoming students and these are being interspersed with Open Houses for prospective students.

The President reported that, as a result of budget cuts earlier this year, a decision was made to reduce the number of computer labs and open larger labs with longer hours. New labs will open in the Library and on the second floor of Webb University Center. Vice President Fenning indicated that these labs will feature individual modules as well as group clusters designed for collaborative projects. He also noted that renovations have taken place in Kaufman Hall, Rogers Hall and in the Whitehurst Cafeteria.

President Runte reported that the ACE Fellow who was to join her for the Fall semester has now accepted the interim presidency at Virginia Union University. Instead, an ACE International Fellow from South Africa will visit ODU and work with her during the month of September.

The President distributed proposed procedures for naming faculty representatives to the four standing committees. The proposal suggests that two names for each committee be submitted by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for consideration by the Academic and Research Advancement Committee, who will recommend one individual for each Committee to the full Board. Dr. Runte suggested that both the procedures and selection of representatives be considered by the Academic and Research Committee, for approval by the Board, at the meeting in September. The Executive Committee agreed with this proposal.

President Runte shared Old Dominion’s proposed budget amendments with the Committee. If the Enrollment Proposal is not included in the Governor’s budget, it will be submitted as a budget amendment. The other amendments include the Regional Computing Grid (which was also an amendment last year), TELETECHNET enhancements (which would not be necessary if the Enrollment Proposal is approved), creation of a Digital Library as a model for Virginia, and a

proposal to promote an environmentally-friendly campus. The Committee concurred with the amendments as proposed.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

Ron Tola, Assistant Vice President for Facilities, provided an update on current construction projects. He indicated that the new Engineering and Computational Sciences Building is 52% complete and is expected to be completed by late 2003. He noted that this new facility is the first LEED certified building for sustainable development in Virginia. Renovations to the Technology Building will begin in January, with occupancy anticipated for August, 2005. Project funding for Physical Sciences Phase II is expected in January. This new facility will house College of Sciences' undergraduate and graduate programs and research. The two remaining chemistry labs will be renovated beginning in January, with expected completion in May.

Phase I of the Bioelectrics Renovation is complete. This facility, housed in the City's Public Health Building located near EVMS, contains wet labs, power labs, and office and support space for Professor Karl Schoenbach's Bioelectrics program. The Campus Police Department will move from its current facility to the University Village in November, allowing the vacated building to be renovated as the new Alumni Facility. The renovation project is being funded entirely by the Alumni Association. A January completion date is anticipated.

Phase I of student housing renovations will be completed this month, and includes improvements to Rogers Hall, Rogers Annex, Gresham Hall, Gresham Annex and Whitehurst Hall. Phase II will be completed during Summer, 2004. Interiors of the new residence halls in the Village have been completed and the University has received its Occupancy Permit. Mr. Tola lauded the work of Steve Ballard in completing this project on schedule. Negotiations for Phase II of the project are now underway.

Repairs to the exterior of the 43rd Street Parking Deck are also underway. Mr. Tola noted that no University funds are being used for this project, but are the result of a settlement agreement between the architect and the contractor. He reported that the Hampton Boulevard Banners will be installed this week.

UPDATE ON ATHLETICS AND RECREATION MASTER PLANNING

Vice President Fenning briefed the Committee on the plans that are underway to renovate the H&PE Building to create more outdoor space for student recreation as well as improve current athletic facilities. The University received an excellent response to the RFP that was issued in March, and the project was awarded to Sportsplan Studio to develop an Athletics and Recreation Master Plan. Over 30 meetings were held with campus groups during late spring and summer, and the planners will return in late August and September to meet with City representatives, conduct focus group meetings with students, and conduct an online survey. Preliminary results will be tallied in late September and early October and will be shared with the Board in December. The Traffic & Parking Master Plan will also be updated to coincide with this project.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Vice Rector asked if there was any old or unfinished business to come before the Committee. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The Vice Rector asked if there was any new business to come before the Committee. There was none.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.