

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2004**

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, October 18, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

James A. Hixon, Rector
Kendra M. Croshaw
Conrad M. Hall
Ross A. Mugler
Katherine A. Treherne
Patricia M. Woolsey

Also present were:

Roseann Runte, President
Dana D. Burnett
Robert L. Fenning
Deane Hennett
Thomas L. Isenhour
Mohammad Karim
David Loope
Donna Meeks

CALL TO ORDER AND MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector called the meeting to order at 3:05 and recognized Mr. Mugler, who made the following motion, "Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of the Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies." The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved by all members present and voting. *(Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne, Woolsey)*

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of the closed 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 closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered. The certification

of compliance vote was six in favor and none opposed. *(Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne, Woolsey)*

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE ASSISTANT DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Ms. Woolsey moved approval of the following resolution to appoint the Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved by all members present and voting. *(Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne, Woolsey)*

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DEAN
OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the President, Provost, Director of Equal Opportunity and Dean of Graduate Studies, the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors approves the appointment of Dr. Brenda Neumon Lewis as Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, effective November 10, 2004.

Dr. Lewis was employed at Old Dominion University for eleven years from 1985 to 1996. Since 1996, she has served as special assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and then as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Norfolk State University. She has a doctorate from Ohio State University in Educational Policy and Leadership and a Master's in English Education from Atlanta University and a B.A. from Doane College in Education with a minor in History. While at Old Dominion University, she won the award as the favorite professor of Delta Sigma Lambda, the visionary award from the Coalition of Black Faculty and Administrators, and was a finalist for the Outstanding Administrator of the Year award. She was also the recipient of the Lelia Robertson Award from the YWCA.

Salary: \$92,000 for 12 months

Rank: Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, and Assistant Professor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on August 16, 2004. Mr. Hall moved approval of the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Croshaw and unanimously approved by all members present and voting. *(Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne, Woolsey)*

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rector Hixon indicated that he had no report at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Runte reported on the proposal to establish a new college in Martinsville. The proposal states that the college would offer the opportunity for students to receive their degrees in 28 months, and that tuition would be free. This issue is now open for public debate. Some colleges have opposed it outright, but the President of UVA has voiced his support. President Runte expressed her concern that if this was to happen (and she doubted that it would) ODU's enrollments would be affected. She has therefore met with the President of Longwood and they are drafting a joint alternative proposal for Martinsville. This issue provoked considerable discussion among the committee members. They agreed that President Runte was taking the right approach by working with Longwood to propose a viable alternative.

The President indicated that Congressman Forbes has been helping in getting federal funds in support of VMASC, and the Secretary of the Navy will be visiting VMASC to discuss these funding initiatives. The Charter School initiative is gaining momentum throughout the State, and Governor Warner has requested a meeting of all university presidents to discuss this issue next week.

The funding initiatives shared previously with the Executive Committee and the Board have been forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration during the technical session. Vice President Fenning described an additional amendment that has been submitted to request additional funding to cover increasing construction costs for capital projects. Old Dominion has experienced an average 8-12% increase in construction costs and has submitted a request for a 10% supplement which equates to approximately \$3.5-4 million over the life of the capital projects.

President Runte noted that two national academy members have been recruited as members of the faculty. This helps position the University for becoming among the nation's top 100 public research universities. She also announced that a member of Old Dominion's faculty was named this year's recipient of Virginia's Carnegie Professor of the Year award. The recipient's name will be made public soon.

President Runte also announced that Old Dominion University has been chosen as the recipient of a 20th Century folk art collection. The University should receive the collection in approximately 24 months, and will apply for grant funds to care for the collection. The Capital Campaign Kickoff was announced at the Founders' Day dinner. The campaign has already achieved over two-thirds of its goal.

Vice President Fenning provided an update on City Council actions related to Powhatan Field and the stadium, Golf Course and recreation center being built by the City. He summarized the results of the resolution approved by City Council, noting that ownership of the stadium would be conveyed to the University at the end of the City's financing schedule. The Golf Course is scheduled to open

by Memorial Day. The President and Rector expressed their satisfaction with the final outcome. Mr. Fenning also provided a brief update on activities in the University Village.

Ms. Woolsey asked if increasing oil prices has impacted the University. Vice President Fenning responded that the University budgeted for increased utility costs, and although there is not much direct use of oil, oil costs will impact natural gas costs. The University is in good shape so far, but that has as much to do with the mild weather we have been experiencing.

At the request of Mr. Mugler, Vice President Karim provided a brief status report on Maglev.

President Runte indicated that she recently attended the Club of Rome, a 100-member think tank, in Helsinki. Among its members are Mikhail Gorbachev and the King of Spain. They have agreed to hold its next meeting at Old Dominion University. This two-day meeting, to be held next fall, will include a public session.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The 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 3:50 p.m.