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OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2004

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, August 16, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. 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:

Katherine A. Treherne

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Roseann Runte, President
Dana D. Burnett
Steve Daniel
Robert L. Fenning
Thomas L. Isenhour
Mohammad Karim
David Loope
Donna Meeks
Jennifer Mullen

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the Rector's absence at the beginning of the meeting, Ross Mugler, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Mr. Hixon moved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 17, 2004, be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Russell and was unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Approved: Hixon, Mugler, Russell, Treherne. Batten and Haddad were not present at the time of the vote.*)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Runte reported on several items, including the appointment of the new Dean of the College of Health Sciences, the ACE Fellow from South Africa who will be interning at Old Dominion

University during the Fall semester, and a follow-up visit to Korea by the Dean of Graduate Studies and others to continue discussions on the establishment of ODU programs there.

The President reviewed ODU's proposed legislative amendments for the Technical Session of the General Assembly, and distributed handouts describing them in more detail. These amendments include: (1) a Wind Tunnel upgrade, (2) Modeling and Simulation applications for logistics, port security and transportation systems, and (3) Biotechnology as research initiatives; (4) linking secondary schools to assure quality and access, (5) intensive mentoring, early college and lateral exchange program with Portsmouth, and (6) "Making Mathematics Count" as education initiatives, and (7) development of the Asynchronous Nursing Program.

Mr. Hixon suggested that the amount requested for the port security initiative be increased. Upon a motion made by Dr. Russell and duly seconded, the Committee unanimously endorsed these initiatives. *(Approved: Hixon, Mugler, Russell, Treherne. Batten and Haddad were not present at the time of the vote.)*

The President indicated that she is working to attract a premiere folk art collection to the campus. The University currently does not have a permanent art collection. If successful, the collection will be housed at the University's temporary facility on 21st Street, but would eventually move to its permanent location once Phase II of the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Building is completed. The University has also been offered a collection of 400 rare species of orchids, and is willing to accept the gift if a greenhouse is included with the donation. Two of the three candidates for the new Stiffler Chair in Botany are orchid specialists.

Mr. Mugler requested that the Board receive a more detailed report on the 2+2 Program at a future meeting.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE AND CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Vice President Fenning provided an update on campus construction projects, including the Engineering & Computational Sciences Building, projects completed during the summer, General Obligation Bond Referendum projects,; recently appropriated capital projects; and Master Plan and parking projects. He also reported on the various projects associated with the University Village, including the second phase of the residential apartments, retail leasing, the hotel and parking deck, the shopping center, and the research park.

Other projects currently underway include renovations to the Powhatan Field area to accommodate the construction of a high school football stadium and the associated expansion of 43rd Street, the City's nine-hole golf course (which will include a clubhouse for the men's and women's golf teams), and Affinity Housing. In addition, the University has commissioned a pre-planning study for a proposed Concert Hall and is developing design guidelines for a new Quad in Lot 27. Vice President Fenning reviewed project phasing and the strategy for communicating the status of construction projects to the campus community.

At the conclusion of Mr. Fenning's report, Dr. Russell asked about the process for awarding construction contracts and suggested that the Board review bids prior to the award of these contracts. After a lengthy discussion, the Rector asked that the President and the administration develop a recommended process for presentation to the Administration and Finance Committee of the Board at its meeting in September.

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. President Runte indicated that Old Dominion's rankings in research have climbed four steps and is now 1982.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.