

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 15, 2005**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, August 15, 2005, 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  
Ross A. Mugler  
Katherine A. Treherne

Absent from the Committee were:

Kendra M. Croshaw  
Conrad M. Hall  
Patricia M. Woolsey

Also present from the Board were:

Kenneth E. Ampy  
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

Also present were:

Roseann Runte, President  
Dana D. Burnett  
Stephen Daniel  
John Inwood  
Thomas Isenhour  
Robert L. Fenning  
Mohammad Karim  
Donna Meeks  
James D. Wright

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Rector called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Mugler moved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 16, 2005, be approved. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present and voting. (*Hixon, Mugler, Treherne*)

**RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector indicated that he had no report.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Runte advised the Committee about two ACE Fellows who will spend time at Old Dominion University, one who will be at the University through September, and the other who will be at the University for the academic year.

The President discussed inter-institutional collaborations and reported on the University's new relationship with the Chrysler Museum. She also discussed joint research opportunities with Hampton University and how these opportunities might be leveraged to gain full partnership in the NIA.

President Runte reported on her efforts to establish joint degree programs with other institutions of higher education who have a large population of students associated with the military. Such programs would increase graduation rates at participating institutions.

The President reviewed proposed biennial budget requests for the 2006 General Assembly session, and received approval from the Committee to move forward with these requests. They include requests in support of modeling and simulation, the Wind Tunnel, early childhood development, K-12 initiative with Chesapeake Public School, transportation, Bioelectrics, a State of the Commonwealth Report, and a Commonwealth Exchange Program with India.

President Runte distributed a recent article related to tuition charges, and a chart depicting tuition charges at Virginia universities.

At the conclusion of her report, the President asked if she should plan social events for the Board to coincide with Board meetings. All agreed that opportunities to socialize with fellow board members would be favorably received by all members.

Vice President Burnett reported on housing numbers for the upcoming semester. Vice President Fenning provided a progress report on the University Village projects, the renovation to Batten Arts and Letters, the National Lambda Rail project, and the proposed Tri-Cities Center/VMASC initiative.

Vice President Fenning provided an overview of the higher education restructuring initiative. He reviewed the eleven requirements for Level I Authority (the "State Ask"), to which the Board agreed by virtue of the Resolution approved at the June meeting, and the next steps to be taken. Institutions have received the Academic and Financial Plan templates, which are due on October 1, 2005. He noted that each institution is required to submit two Financial Plans - one that assumes base adequacy funding and one that assumes no new general funds. Once the Board adopts a series of new policies and procedures at the September meeting, as required by the Act, the University will be able to begin exercising its Level I authority.

President Runte shared recent discussions regarding tuition and scholarship strategies that would enable Old Dominion to compete with institutions such as the University of Virginia that have large

endowments and are able to offer free tuition to students from low income families. One such strategy is to use a portion of a tuition increase to establish scholarships for the neediest students. She invited comment from the Committee. While Mr. Mugler and Dr. Treherne voiced their support, the Rector expressed his reluctance to increase tuition for everyone in order to benefit only a select group, particularly if base adequacy funding becomes available and a portion of that is targeted for scholarships.

The President indicated that the Club of Rome will be meeting at Old Dominion from September 30 through October 3. Prince Hassan of Jordan will be in attendance and will receive his honorary degree (which the Board previously approved) during a formal ceremony. She asked the Committee whether a second honorary degree should be presented to a visiting dignitary at the same time. The Committee concurred that this was a good idea, and the President said that she will bring the appropriate action item to the Board for their approval at the Board 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**

Mr. Stallings requested that a football update be given at the September Board meeting.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.