

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2006**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, February 13, 2006, at 12:00 noon 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  
Ross A. Mugler  
Katherine A. Treherne

Absent from the Committee: Conrad M. Hall  
Pat Tsao  
Patricia M. Woolsey

Also present from the Board: Pamela C. Kirk  
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

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Roseann Runte, President	Robert L. Fenning
Alonzo Brandon	Mohammad Karim
John R. Broderick	Donna Meeks
Dana D. Burnett	Jennifer Mullen
C. Tabor Cronk	Dwayne Smith
Stephen Daniel	Philip Walzer ( <i>The Virginian Pilot</i> )
Thomas Isenhour	F. Richard Whalen

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 15, 2005. Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved by all committee members present and voting. (*Croshaw, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne*)

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector indicated that he had no report.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President indicated that the City of Norfolk is still considering the proposed land agreement for ODU's athletic and recreational sports enhancements and it is anticipated that a final agreement will be reached soon.

President Runte reported on security and safety concerns on the campus as the result of recent events. She noted her concern with the perception that Old Dominion is an unsafe campus because of the way these incidents have been portrayed in the press. Of the three incidents, two were random and all were unrelated. She noted that ODU's crime statistics are relatively low compared with other institutions. Nevertheless, the administration takes campus safety very seriously and a number of actions have been taken to make students aware of safety issues and to increase the number of police officers and place the officers in targeted areas of the campus. In addition to uniformed police officers, ODU has 55 security officers as well as the Student Escort Service. Efforts are also coordinated with the city's police force to provide additional coverage as needed. Vice President Fenning added that a five-year security plan for Public Safety was developed during last year's budget process and was fully funded for FY06. The plan will be updated for each budget cycle.

The President notified the Committee of an information security issue that was recently discovered and explained how the administration responded.

President Runte provided an update state budget and the Federal earmarks for research. She noted her concern that transportation funding issues might impact funding for higher education.

Vice President Fenning provided a status report on the construction projects in the University Village and on the main campus. Projects under design or construction include the Technology Building renovation, Village North parking deck, art gallery/museum, campus bookstore, hotel, Village research building, BAL renovation, orchid conservatory, Physical Sciences addition, Quad student housing, H&PE addition and renovations, Indoor Tennis Center, Athletic Administration additions & renovations, soccer support building, indoor batting cage, Whitehurst renovations, the new Tri-Cities/VMASC center, and TELETECHNET community college sites. At the conclusion of his report, he announced that Tom Robinson's resignation and the reorganization of Procurement and Construction Services, and assured the Committee that steps are being taken to keep these many construction projects on schedule.

Mr. Mugler suggested that the administration review staffing levels and make necessary adjustments during the budget process. The President assured him that steps are being taken to increase staffing in target areas. Mr. Mugler also suggested that the administration consider significant increases to graduate tuition. The Rector commented that graduate tuition must be carefully considered since we are also trying to increase graduate enrollment.

Ms. Croshaw asked for an update on the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. The President explained the reasoning behind offering specific degree programs at the Center, stating that the Center has been under-utilized while enrollments are growing and space on the main campus is limited. These offerings are consistent with the Center's mission and were recommended by the consultant, and will give the citizens of Virginia Beach a choice when seeking a degree from Old Dominion. She and the Provost will be meeting with the President and Provost of TCC to discuss how the two institutions can work together cooperatively.

### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Rector asked if there was any old or unfinished business to come before the Committee. The President distributed the Fall 2004 Virginia Schools Crime Statistics (Per Capita).

### **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 1:10 p.m.