

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 21, 2007**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 12:00 noon, in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

Marc Jacobson, Rector  
Kendra M. Croshaw  
Pamela C. Kirk  
Ross A. Mugler

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

Also present from the Board: James A. Hixon  
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

Also present: Roseann Runte, President  
Matt Bowers (*The Virginian-Pilot*)  
Alonzo Brandon  
John R. Broderick  
C. Tabor Cronk  
Kenneth Daley  
Steve Daniel  
Thomas Isenhour  
Donna W. Meeks  
Geneva Walker-Johnson

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 19, 2007. Upon a motion made by Ms. Croshaw and properly seconded, the minutes were approved by all members present and voting. (Croshaw, Kirk, Mugler)

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector congratulated the President on the success of the commencement ceremonies held on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President distributed a brochure entitled, "Energy for Tomorrow," which showcases Old Dominion's energy research initiatives. She applauded Vice President Broderick and the work of his staff in the design of this publication.

In light of the shooting incident at Virginia Tech, President Runte stated that the University is reviewing its current security measures and discussing what can and should be done to improve these measures. She noted her pride with the quick response by the various segments of the University following receipt of a threatening telephone call that same week. She distributed a summary of security initiatives prepared by the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, and reported that additional security officers and an emergency coordinator position were funded during the budget process. Vice President Broderick described a new emergency notification system that will enable the University to send emergency messages to students, faculty and staff via cell phones, blackberries and email. This new system should be in place before the beginning of the fall semester. Committee members discussed how institutions should deal with at-risk students, and concluded that it is best to await guidance from the Governor's special commission on how to handle these types of situations.

The President distributed a chart comparing the percentage of state support for 2007-2008 operating budgets for all Virginia public colleges and universities. The chart identified Old Dominion's support as 53.2% from the state, and 46.8% from tuition, fees and other non-state funds. She stated that the proposed budget will be sent to the Board on June 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. She distributed copies the Budget Guidance memorandum that was sent to all Vice Presidents highlighting budget priorities for the upcoming year.

In response to a request by Mr. Mugler, President Runte provided information summarizing the University's leased space since FY01 and the amount of lease space projected for FY08. She noted that the increased cost of leased space is due to the significant addition of new leased space (67,747 square feet) in FY08.

President Runte distributed copies of her Annual Report. She highlighted charts depicting growth between FY01 and FY07 in several key areas, including: Endowment (128%); Total Research Expenditures (165%); Headcount and FTE Students (12%); Enrolled Freshmen (34%); Freshmen Applicants (32%); High School GPA (5%); SAT Scores (4%); Endowed Chairs (260%); Endowed Professorships (4%); Campus Buildings and Centers ( 458% leased, 55% owned); State Funding (32%); Ph.D. Programs (33%); Scholarships (40%); Financial Aid (46%); Distance Learning Registrations (26%); Graduate Student Enrollment (10%); Graduate Assistantship Funding (62%); and Faculty Internal & External Research Grants (23%).

The Annual Report also includes an update on the one-time initiatives funded in FY07, as well as a list of proposed goals for FY08. These goals include (1) Assess and update the Strategic Plan and create a report on progress for the campus and the Board; (2) Continue work toward accomplishing the remaining goals of the Strategic and Master Plans; (3) Continue work with the financial campaign, increasing the size of the endowment; (4) Continue efforts to increase government funding, especially research and student support; (5) Continue to support the increase in faculty research; (6) Assist the faculty in its efforts to revise the General Education curriculum and Academic Affairs in the implementation of the University College programs; (7) Further the work in the University Village; (8) Continue the dialogue with other universities and agencies to collaborate on shared initiatives; (9) Continue progress toward the implementation of football, the additional women's teams and the marching band, including raising funds and preparing necessary facilities.

President Runte reported on the opening of the first building in Innovation Research Park and the announcement of construction on the second building that will begin in July. Mr. Mugler asked if the University will do a master lease on the second building and suggested that the University's occupancy be limited in favor of the private sector. The President explained that the space leased by the University in the first building was in order to meet the University's pent-up demand for research space; the University will likely lease less space in the second building. She reported that the Bookstore and Hotel projects are ahead of schedule and the grocery store developers are committed to begin as soon as feasible.

The President indicated that the University's highest priority funding initiative for the upcoming legislative session is modeling & simulation. The Hampton Roads Partnership and the Greater Norfolk Corporation will partner with the University on this request. She added that SCHEV did not include modeling & simulation as one its priorities.

Vice President Broderick provided an enrollment update, noting increases in all categories over last year's record-breaking year. He commented that, after several years of relatively low international student applications following 9/11, those numbers are rebounding, with a 25% increase of international student applications since last year. All indications are that the upcoming freshman class will approach 2,200 students, making it the fourth consecutive year the class has topped 2,000. President Runte added that 80% of the freshman class will reside on campus. The Committee discussed the impact the new community college agreements may have on student enrollment. It was pointed out that Old Dominion University has always been a leader in this along with VCU and George Mason, but these agreements have now been mandated for all universities. Old Dominion, through its TRANSFERmation website, offers students the ability to check which community college courses will transfer to ODU. Provost Isenhour added that through its articulation agreements with the community colleges, all General Education courses are accepted as transfer credits.

The President brought to the Committee's attention a new sustainability initiative sponsored by the American College and University Presidents Association (ACUPA), whereby participating institutions agree to a set of rigorous requirements to demonstrate their commitment to being environmentally-friendly. Given Old Dominion University's achievements in this area (having won numerous awards, being the first institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to build a LEED certified building, etc.), she feels that the University should consider signing on, but was

concerned about the cost and feasibility. The list of participating institutions, however, will be published on June 14, one day prior to the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. She asked the Committee members whether they would agree to wait to hear a more detailed report on the initiative and its associated costs at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and not be included on the published list of participants, or if the University should sign on now and be included on that list. The Committee concurred that the Board should be fully briefed on the initiative at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting before any commitment is made.

Provost Isenhour reported on a new ROTC collaborative initiative among old Dominion University, Norfolk State University and Tidewater Community College. This initiative, known as a cross-town arrangement, will increase the number of scholarships available to ROTC students without increasing the overall size of the program.

### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Rector asked if there was any old or unfinished business to come before the Committee. Mr. Mugler asked about the status of the Foreman Field renovations. President Runte indicated that renovations to Foreman Field will begin once the Powhatan Sports Complex is completed. The architectural design has been shared with the administration and a Request for Qualification for this design/building has been issued, with responses due May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mugler noted that Board Policy 1628 requires Board approval prior to issuance of a Request for Proposals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Rector reminded everyone of the Board's annual meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> and the reception for Pat Woolsey following the meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the President's house. He complimented the administration on the exciting grand opening of Innovation Research Park and noted that the Governor attended the event. He also suggested that Board members talk a walk or drive around campus. if they have not already done so, to see all of the new construction.

President Runte invited members of the Board to a picnic at her house on Friday, June 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to view the Parade of Sail.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.