

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 20, 2006

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, November 20, 2006, 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  
Conrad M. Hall  
Pamela C. Kirk  
Ross A. Mugler

Absent from the Committee: Pat Tsao  
Patricia M. Woolsey

Also present from the Board: Katherine A. Treherne

Also present: Roseann Runte, President  
Matt Bowers (*The Virginian-Pilot*)  
Robert L. Fenning  
Thomas Isenhour  
Mohammad Karim  
Donna W. Meeks  
Jennifer Mullen  
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 August 25, 2006. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mugler and seconded by Mr. Hall, the minutes were approved by all members present and voting. (*Croshaw, Hall, Kirk, Mugler*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector commented that he is pleased with the progress of the University and congratulated the men's basketball team and coaches for their win over Georgetown last evening.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President reported on activities in Student Affairs and congratulated Geneva Walker-Johnson for having just completed her first year at Old Dominion and having taken a leadership role when she was called upon to do so. She highlighted the various activities that were well attended by students, including lectures by a Nobel Prize winner on ethics and civil liberties. The students have commented how much they have enjoyed these lectures. Students have also been involved in events such as Community Care Day and in transforming campus life. The Rector commented on a letter he received from former Rector Dorothy Doumar that included an article from the past about the opposition of having dormitories on campus. He noted on the remarkable transition of the campus from a commuter school to a residential campus.

The President noted that a fire yesterday at a duplex on 48<sup>th</sup> Street impacted four students. The University is doing all that it can to assist these students.

President Runte reported on the efforts of the Community Development Corporation in assisting with two day cares and an after-school program. The CDC is also working with the Bank of America on housing and with another group on job creation.

The President noted that the legislative amendments that were shared previously with the Board were submitted for consideration in the Governor's budget. There appears to be considerable interest in the transportation initiative, but not a lot of interest in the energy project. President Runte reviewed the transportation proposal. Vice President Karim provided an overview of the Federal requests, which include a continuation of robotics, manufacturing pilot studies, broad transportation issues, and bioelectrics and cancer research.

The President indicated that a search committee for the football coach has been established and that Sonny Stallings is on the committee as the Board's representative. The committee has developed the criteria and characteristics they are seeking in a coach and the position will be advertised in December with the goal of naming a coach by February.

The President reminded the Committee that the goal of the financial campaign was originally set at \$75M but was then increased to \$100M. She would like the Board to consider raising the goal and said that she would bring that to the Board in December.

The President asked Vice President Fenning to provide a brief update on campus construction projects. He provided a status report on the following projects: Research Building, Bookstore, Museum/Gallery, Hotel, Shopping Center, Batten Arts & Letters Renovation, Fieldhouse demolition, Soccer complex, Athletic Administration addition, the Indoor Tennis Center, the Physical Sciences renovation and the next phase of student housing.

The President alerted the Committee about a tuition refund issue that was created by a computer software glitch that applied tuition refunds retroactively to students whose domicile status changed from out-of-state to in-state. The administration is in the process of contacting the 78 affected students and arranging repayment plans.

Vice President Fenning provided an update on Level 2 Authority. He indicated that the thirteen institutions affected (including VCCS) are working together and with the Governor's Office to determine areas of high interest for Level 2 Authority. There are a couple of givens as implied by the legislation. One, no institution can back into Level 3 authority by getting all of the Level 2 authorities, and second secondly, any Level 2 authority granted cannot be higher than the Level 3 authority given to the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, or the College of William and Mary. Of these 13 institutions, one group (which includes Old Dominion) is working toward Level 3 authority, while the other group does not aspire to Level 3 authority but is interested in some of the Level 2 authorities.

A subgroup that consists of representatives from ODU, George Mason, James Madison, and VCCS has drafted proposed legislation establishing a very broad authority allowing institutions to apply for the individual authorities through the respective cabinet secretary. The group will meet again to compile and prioritize the interests of the thirteen institutions and will forward that list along with some recommendations to the administration and the money committees. Vice President felt certain that Old Dominion will be able to obtain some authorities in the short term and will set the course for the next several years and we move toward Level 3 authority.

President Runte briefed the Committee on plans for the Film Festival and a new Ideas Festival. The Film Festival is scheduled for the last week in March and will be held in partnership with the City of Norfolk. The Ideas Festival is a new venture that would capitalize on Norfolk's unique assets with its many universities and the Norfolk Forum. A four-day event is envisioned during the summer, culminating in the reading of the "Norfolk Statement" on the last day. The Rector stated that this was an excellent idea, characterizing Norfolk as the "cultural mecca" between Washington, DC and Atlanta.

In the area of research, President Runte announced progress on Maglev, which now levitates and moves along the track without vibration. Vice President Karim provided detailed information on the Maglev project and stated that \$1M Federal grant is expected that will allow the University to continue working on this project. He also discussed other research projects, including a grant application in serious gaming, hurricane preparedness research and an invitation to present a proposal to Apple Computer for putting course materiel and lectures on iPods. In response to a question by Mr. Mugler, it was reported that \$16M has been spent so far on Maglev. (These were not university funds.)

The President reported that she continues to address Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. She highlighted awards received by various University publications.

### **MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

The Rector recognized Ms. Croshaw, who made the following motion, "Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and the Committee reconvene in closed session for the purpose of (1) discussing and considering Dr. Koch's current faculty assignment, as permitted Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), and (2) consultation with university counsel concerning the University's legal options and obligations in connection with provision of additional 100 and 200 level courses at the Virginia Beach Center, as permitted Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7)." The motion was

seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present and voting. (*Croshaw, Hall, Kirk, Mugler*)

### **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 four in favor and none opposed. (*Croshaw, Hall, Kirk, Mugler*)

### **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 1:50 p.m.