

FINAL – APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 3/24/09

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2009**

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

Ross A. Mugler, Rector
Kendra M. Croshaw
Linda L. Forehand
Conrad M. Hall
Pamela C. Kirk
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

Absent from the Committee: Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
Katherine Treherne

Also present from the Board James A. Hixon
Marc Jacobson

Also present: John R. Broderick, Acting President
Denise Batts (*The Virginian-Pilot*)
Alonzo Brandon
Robert L. Fenning
Glenda Humphreys
Mohammad Karim
Patrick B. Kelly
Donna W. Meeks
Geneva Walker-Johnson
Carol Simpson

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 18, 2008. Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present and voting (*Croshaw, Forehand, Hall, Kirk, Stallings*).

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector stated that he attended SCHEV's 2009 Outstanding Faculty Awards dinner on February 19th where Professors Lawrence Hatab and Lawrence Weinstein were honored. He distributed the schedule for the April 2nd meeting Board meeting, noting that the Institutional Advancement and Student Advancement Committees will not meet in order to allow additional time for the Board to meet with the Dr. Portch regarding his report on the Institutional Review. He also distributed the proposed calendar of meetings for the 2009-2010 academic year, noting that the quarterly meetings have been moved from Friday to Thursday. The calendar will be updated to include events that will be held the evening before the meetings.

ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his report to the committee, Acting President Broderick discussed funding for Modeling & Simulation, noting that the Governor, the House and the Senate have proposed restoring \$2.1M in base funding. The administration is also carefully monitoring the Stimulus Package and potential implications for higher education.

Acting President Broderick shared information about a Campus Safety web site that was recently launched in order to provide a centralized location for safety information.

Notable faculty awards include the 2009 SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award to Professors Hatab and Weinstein, an honorary doctorate to be conferred upon former President James V. Koch from his alma mater, Illinois State University, receipt of the Hoogstraal Medal from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene by Professor Emeritus and Eminent Scholar Dan Sonenshine for his lifelong service in medical entomology, the 2009 American Counseling Association's Research Award to Professor Alan Schwitzer, and the 2009 Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geographic Education to Professor Don Zeigler by the American Association of Geographers. In addition, alumni William Reed, doctoral graduate in the Darden College of Education, won the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education's 2009 Outstanding Dissertation Award and Shameka Hardy received the U.S. Department of Education's 2009 No Child Left Behind American Star of Teaching Award.

Twenty-five students traveled to Richmond on February 10th to visit with members of the General Assembly. The Master's class in Educational Leadership and Counseling is using as their capstone project infusing the aspirational goals of the Monarch Creed into the ODU community and will be making their formal presentation in April. Kimberly Gilligan, a doctoral student in international students, was chosen to participate in the Center for Strategic International Studies' Nuclear Scholars Initiative in Washington, DC. The number of University Scholars (students with a 3.8 GPA and 1280 SAT/28 ACT scores) has increased from 150 to 175 from last year. Recommendations from the Strategic Enrollment Management committees are currently being reviewed by the Steering Committee.

The Office of Human Resources has revised the University's Family and Medical Leave Act Policy in order to comply with Federal regulations by the January 16th deadline. The Office is continuing

the Quality of Work Life Survey project. The faculty survey is in progress and the student survey began in February.

Efforts continue to seek Level II authority from the State. Although the institutions have been told that there will not be any progress on this until after the General Assembly session, Vice President Fenning and his counterparts have met with the Secretary of Finance to ensure the institutions are taking the necessary steps to seek that authority.

The new Student Recreation Center will open with limited operations on March 1 and an Open House will be held February 27-29. Extended hours will begin immediately following Spring Break. The Board will have an opportunity to tour the facility at an upcoming meeting.

Acting President Broderick stated that he has been in Richmond on an average of two days a week during the General Assembly and has had regular meetings with legislators and cabinet members. The Alumni Association held a legislative reception earlier in the month that was attended by cabinet members, legislators, legislative aides, university leadership and Richmond alumni.

Upcoming events include the NATO/ACT Ribbon-Cutting at Innovation Research Park I on February 26, the Meyera Oberndorf Tribute at the Virginia Beach Higher Education on March 5, and the ONFilm Festival in March, which will include Richard Dreyfuss as the featured speaker. He thanks Councilman Randy Wright for his support of this event.

In the area of research, VMASC, along with ZelTech, won the Stricom Omnibus Contract, which will allow the team to put bids on contracts with the U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation Training Instrumentation in Orlando, Florida. A faculty team in the Batten College of Engineering and Technology received a \$4.3 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate, Borders and Maritime Division for their research on the design of Complex Adaptive Situation Methodology-based systems.

The President announced that Dr. Treherne will be honored by the Zonta Club of Hampton Roads on March 11 in Webb Center. Board members have been sent an invitation to attend the event.

Provost Simpson provided a brief update on the Strategic Plan update. She listed the committees and noted that 60% of the committee members are faculty. The Board will receive a preliminary report in April, and the final report will be presented for adoption by the Board at their meeting in September.

Mr. Stallings asked about the recent press about the Maglev research project. President Broderick said that there was recent success in lifting and moving the bogey on the track. The future of the project and funding was discussed. The Committee will receive a formal presentation at the March 16th meeting.

RESOLUTION TO NAME THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY'S VIRGINIA BEACH HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER THE MEYERA OBERNDORF LEARNING COMMONS

Acting President Broderick presented the Resolution to name a room within the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center for Meyera Oberndorf. If adopted, the framed resolution will be presented to her at an event on March 5th. The Rector and Ms. Croshaw voiced support of the resolution, and upon a motion made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Ms. Croshaw, the following resolution was unanimously approved by all members present and voting (*Croshaw, Forehand, Hall, Kirk, Stallings*).

**RESOLUTION TO NAME
THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER
AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY'S
VIRGINIA BEACH HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER
THE MEYERA OBERNDORF LEARNING COMMONS**

WHEREAS, Old Dominion University opened its Virginia Beach Higher Education Center in August 1999, and established within it an Information Resource Center to be the hub of student academic support services; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center was made possible through land donation and infrastructure contributions from the City of Virginia Beach during the mayoral tenure of Meyera Oberndorf; and

WHEREAS, Meyera Oberndorf, in her role as mayor, tirelessly advocated for Old Dominion University, in particular, as well as public higher education opportunities in general for the citizens of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Meyera Oberndorf is a distinguished graduate of Old Dominion University, having earned a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1964, and subsequently received its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1998; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Meyera Oberndorf's leadership and public service, the President of Old Dominion University recommends that the Information Resource Center at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center be named in her honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University approves naming the Information Resource Center the Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread across the minutes of the Board of Visitors, and an appropriately framed copy be displayed in the new Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector recognized Ms. Forehand, who made the following motion: “Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and, as permitted by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A) (1) and (7), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, specifically assignment of specific employees of the institution, and consultation with legal counsel regarding potential litigation, specifically, a vendor of services to the University. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by all members present and voting (*Croshaw, Forehand, Hall, Kirk, Stallings*).

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 five in favor and none opposed (*Croshaw, Forehand, Hall, Kirk, Stallings*).

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Rector asked if there was any old business or unfinished business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The Rector asked if there was any new business. Provost Simpson announced that President Broderick will be honored at the 45th Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner to be held on April 2nd.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.