

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 22, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday, February 22, 2010, at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee were:

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

Absent from the Committee were: Kendra M. Croshaw  
Harold W. Gehman, Jr.

Also present were: John R. Broderick, President  
Denise Batts (*The Virginian-Pilot*)  
Alonzo Brandon  
Robert L. Fenning  
Glenda L. Humphreys  
Donna W. Meeks  
Carol Simpson  
Geneva Walker-Johnson  
James Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and called for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 16, 2009. Upon a motion made by Mr. Hall and duly seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Forehand, Hall, Kirk, Stallings.*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector indicated that he had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rector called on President Broderick for his report to the Committee. President Broderick distributed the Chronicle of Higher Education that featured an article on colleges and

universities starting football programs and in which Old Dominion University's program was featured prominently.

The President commented on base funding for Virginia's four-year institutions and community colleges, and how he has been making a case in Richmond for Old Dominion University. He cited Old Dominion's leadership role among the doctoral institutions in terms of affordability and serving a diverse student population, its service to Virginia's students with 87% of its student body hailing from the Commonwealth and 20% of transfers from the Virginia Community College System choosing ODU. He believes the case for ODU has begun to resonate in Richmond, noting that the House included \$4M in General Funds and \$1.6M in Stimulus Funds for FY12. In terms of capital projects, construction funding for the Systems Research and Academic Building was included in the House budget, as well as Nongeneral Fund approval for planning for the Education Building Renovation. The Rector asked for the list of the Senate conferees so that Board members can make calls. In response to a question by Mr. Stallings, President Broderick indicated that there is always a possibility of faculty and staff layoffs.

In an effort to reach out to the Hispanic and Latino communities, a meeting of the Hispanic and Latino Employee Association was held on February 2 and was attended by approximately 100 individuals. The Hispanic Admissions Open House was also held on February 13.

Faculty and students continue to achieve academically and in research, as highlighted on the President's slides. President Broderick noted that four candidates were interviewed for the new director of Modeling and Simulation.

President Broderick called the Committee's attention to the Carr Report, which was presented at the Board's retreat in January and reported on by the media. He also commented on the hiring of Wood Selig as the new Athletic Director, noting his background and stating that he is confident that Dr. Selig understands ODU's athletic program and the importance of fundraising, and will move the program forward. He recognized Marc Jacobson, Barry Kornblau, Alonzo Brandon and Jim Koch for their participation on the search committee.

The University has also brought in Keeling & Associates to examine student-related services and compare it with other models across the country. The consultants have visited the campus and met with 50-60 individuals, including Dr. Treherne as Chair of the Student Advancement Committee. The consultants' report, along with the Portch and Carr reports, will provide a valuable external assessment of the institution as it seeks to improve and streamline services to our students.

ODU's Licensing Program is doing remarkably well, with total retail sales topping \$2M for FY09-10 as of January, and estimated retail sales for the fourth quarter estimated at over \$1.3M. This represents a 233% increase campus with last year, with royalties through January totaling \$99,215, a 57.9% increase.

President Broderick reviewed the challenges and opportunities that he previously shared with the Board at the beginning of the semester. He noted that the University is close to executing several of these initiatives, and others will be addressed as part of the budget process.

Vice President Humphreys described ODU's plans for the alternative furlough day. The Governor set May 28<sup>th</sup> as the furlough day for state employees, but since that will not work for ODU given classes are in session, April 28<sup>th</sup> (a reading day) has been proposed for faculty and April 30 or May 3 has been proposed for staff. Although the Governor's Office must approve the plan before it is implemented, the proposal has been communicated to the campus community. If approved, employees must be given at least 30-days notice prior to the furlough date. The University is also setting up a furlough fund through the ODU Credit Union where employees may contribute to assist those who are paid at the lowest salary levels who may have trouble making ends meet with the loss of one day's pay. President Broderick added that the House's budget eliminates the furlough days proposed by the Governor for the next biennium and the Senate's budget notes three days for each year of the biennium. There is also a possibility that this year's furlough day will be revoked, but the administration needs to move forward with its plans in order to provide proper notification to employees.

The President announced that the speakers for Spring Commencement have been confirmed. He then reported on the Mayor's comments regarding his commitment to working with Old Dominion and the adjacent neighborhoods on 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct nearby. This is very positive news and would be significant in the University's campus safety efforts.

### **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 Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property for a public purpose and the disposition of publicly held real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body." The motion was seconded and approved by all board members present and voting. *(Forehand, Kirk, Hall, Stallings, Treherne.)*

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION**

At the conclusion of the closed section, the meeting was 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. *(Forehand, Kirk, Hall, Stallings, Treherne.)*

### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no old or unfinished business to come before the Committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.