

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday, November 16, 2009, 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
Kendra M. Croshaw
Pamela C. Kirk
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.
Katherine A. Treherne

Also present from the Board were: Kenneth E. Ampy
David L. Bernd
James A. Hixon
Marc Jacobson

Also present were: John R. Broderick, President
Alonzo Brandon
Robert L. Fenning
Glenda L. Humphreys
Patrick B. Kelly
Donna W. Meeks
Tara F. Saunders
Carol Simpson
Alicia Sloane (*Mace and Crown*)
James Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. and recognized Ms. Croshaw, who made the following motion, “Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and, as permitted by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711 (1), (2) and (3), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter in the Athletics Department, a student disciplinary matter, and acquisition of 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. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Hixon, Kirk, Jacobson, 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 eight in favor and none opposed. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Hixon, Kirk, Jacobson, Stallings, Treherne.*)

The Rector stated that the Board will take the advice of Counsel discussed during the closed session.

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 commented on a successful Homecoming Weekend that featured the Distinguished Alumni Dinner, Founders' Day Luncheon, Black Alumni Council, and ODU's first Homecoming football game attended by 19,787 fans. He complimented Vice President Brandon on the Distinguished Alumni Dinner.

Online merchandise sales have increased significantly, with Old Dominion ranked 39th nationally this quarter among BCS football schools. The University is also ranked 48th in the nation in videostreaming.

The President provided an update on the Athletic Director and the VMASC Executive Director searches. The position announcement for the Athletic Director will run after the holidays. The consultant's report will be shared with the Board at their retreat in January. Vice President Karim is chairing the search for the VMASC Executive Director, which is already underway.

The University continues to review all aspects of enrollment management. A campus-wide retreat was held on November 2nd. Plans were discussed for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral enrollments as well as a more specific direction for Distance Learning. A financial model is being considered.

The Darden College of Education was awarded a \$6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the Teacher Immersion Residency, one of only 28 in the country. This project is in collaboration with the Portsmouth and Norfolk school divisions to help improve instruction in struggling schools by strengthening teacher preparation, training and effectiveness.

President Broderick shared the current and anticipated tenants for the Research Building II. Bioelectrics moved in this past August and Proteomics and Genomics will relocate there in December, with Brain Research and the Animal Program to follow in February and April, respectively. He noted that these commitments tie in nicely with where the University's mission. In response to a question from Mr. Jacobson, it was noted that Research Building I is 85-95% occupied.

The Community Development Corporation has put everything in place for a groundbreaking in December on its residential complex for area teachers, firemen and others. Its website will showcase the kinds of units available and list eligibility requirements.

The President commented on the December 9th Fall Recognition Program for classified employees when 147 services awards will be bestowed and the Customer Relations Employee of the Year will be announced from among the 27 nominees. He also mentioned the Monarch Mornings program as another way to keep employees engaged. Through the 20 that were held, he was able to talk with almost 1,000 members of the staff. He and the Provost have also held Town Hall meetings with faculty in all six colleges.

During the football season so far, President Broderick has hosted pregame receptions at the Barry M. Kornblau Alumni Center, and he and Vice President Brandon have talked to approximately 1,250 alumni at the away games. He expects another 1,000 or so to attend the VMI game.

As the result of the recent elections, there are now 7 ODU graduates in the General Assembly: Kenny Alexander, Ken Plum, Bob Purkey, Tommy Wright, John Cosgrove, Roslyn Tyler, and Ron Villanueva.

President Broderick concluded his comments by saying that ODU made out alright in the Nor'easter, all things considered. The University closed on Thursday and Friday while Facilities Management staff took care of the physical campus. He commended them for their outstanding work. A power outage on the west side of Powhatan impacted some residence hall students, but they were well fed and kept busy. Clean up continues on the Williamsburg lawn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector recognized Mr. Jacobson, who made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on October 19, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Croshaw and unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Hixon, Kirk, Jacobson, Stallings, Treherne.*)

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old or unfinished business to come before the Committee. The Rector thanked everyone for attending and mentioned that it was Mr. Jacobson's birthday.

NEW BUSINESS

The Rector asked if there was any new business to come before the Committee. Mr. Stallings asked about the coaches' compensation. President Broderick stated that he and Vice President Brandon are handling this.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.