

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 17 March 1997**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, 17 March 1997, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the main campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

Anne B. Shumadine, Rector  
James F. Babcock  
Irvine B. Hill  
Anthony C. Paige  
Anne Marie Whittemore (by telephone)  
Lois S. Williams

Also present were:

James V. Koch, President  
John R. Broderick  
Dana D. Burnett  
Stephen P. Daniel  
William A. Drewry  
Jo Ann M. Gora  
David R. Hager  
David F. Harnage  
Patrick B. Kelly  
Donna W. Meeks  
Cecelia T. Tucker  
Philip R. Walzer

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF 18 NOVEMBER 1996**

The Rector called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes of the Board of Visitors Executive Committee meeting of 18 November 1996. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as distributed.

**RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector reported on the meeting of all boards of visitors from all state institutions sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education. Gordon Davies discussed issues facing higher education, the most important being funding. He commented that it would take \$220 million in appropriations to bring Virginia up to the median with the other states. He did say, however, that Virginia is a very

good system because of its decentralization, and if funding were brought to the median level, Virginia can offer the very best higher education in the country.

Elizabeth McClanahan's closing remarks discussed SCHEV's priorities, which include the following: enrollment projections; prioritizing budget recommendations; increased faculty salaries accompanied by pre- and post-tenure review; the program approval process; and eligibility for financial aid.

Ms. Shumadine commented that it was a beneficial meeting and it was suggested that, in the future, that would attempt to have periodic meetings among smaller groups of visitors from each university in order to share ideas.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Rector called on President Koch for his report. President Koch reviewed the University's successes in the recent General Assembly appropriations. In addition to receiving 6% for faculty salaries, the University also retained the \$1.4 million of enrollment dollars that previously had been in question. The University also received funding for commercialization and tech transfer activities at the Joint Training Analysis and Simulation Center in Suffolk and the Applied Research Center at the Jefferson Laboratory in Newport News.

The General Assembly also approved two items which did not involve an appropriation. The University received permission to transmit TELETECHNET courses out of state and to charge whatever price is determined appropriate, providing no state subsidy is involved. The University also received permission to acquire additional property east of Hampton Boulevard in the development of the University Village.

President Koch indicated that the Lady Monarchs have advanced in the NCAA tournament and will be facing either Louisiana State University or Marquette on Saturday. If they make it to the final four, they will be playing in Cincinnati the following weekend on Friday and the final on Sunday. He asked board members to let him know as soon as possible if they wish to attend any of these games, as arrangements are being made to send ODU representatives to the games.

President Koch distributed space utilization data produced by the State Council of Higher Education. One of the important measures of how resources are used is how available building space is used. According to the data, Old Dominion University ranks first in the Commonwealth among the 16 four-year institutions and the community college system. The standard usage for a typical room within a building is 40 hours per week; Old Dominion University's usage is 46 hours. The University's success in this area is due in large part to Weekend College. State Council uses the 40-hour measure as a criterion when recommending whether or not an institution needs new space or buildings.

## **PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

President Koch asked Provost Gora to present the new program proposal. The Provost explained that the new program proposal is for a Master's in Taxation. If approved, this would be the only program of its kind in the Hampton Roads area. There are two other programs in the state at Virginia Commonwealth University and George Mason University, but Old Dominion University's program would be unique because it would be offered on the weekends so that it will accommodate part-time as well as full-time students.

As a professional program, it prepares individuals for direct entry into the tax practice, or enables tax professionals to achieve an upgrade in their current positions. This program will attract a new population of students to this campus because it will be helping people who are either already practicing or people who want to practice in the tax field. In the program proposal it was noted that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has mandated a fifth year of education by the year 2000. Therefore, a market for this program exists.

The proposed program does not require new faculty resources. An advisory committee will guide the program and 25 students are anticipated at the start of the program, increasing to 74 students within three years.

Upon a motion duly made and second, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the new program proposal.

## **MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Rector recognized Reverend Paige, who made the following motion: "Madam Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and that we reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, specifically, the evaluation of the president and consideration of a candidate for the position of Dean of the College of Sciences; and matters related to honorary degrees and special awards, specifically, the consideration of individuals for honorary degrees and the naming of a building in honor of an individual, as permitted by Subsection (A), Paragraphs (1) and (10) of Section 2.1-344 of the Code of Virginia.

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

At the conclusion of executive 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 executive session was convened were heard, discussed or considered. The certification of compliance vote was twelve (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

## **HONORARY DEGREE NOMINEES**

Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the following individuals for receipt of an honorary degree from Old Dominion University:

Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. - Doctor of Humane Letters  
Mr. Willie E. Gary - Doctor of Humane Letters  
Dr. George W. Johnson - Doctor of Humane Letters  
Dr. Juan Murillo Montero II - Doctor of Humane Letters  
Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering - Doctor of Humane Letters  
Ms. Patricia R. Rouse - Doctor of Humane Letters  
Dr. Harrison B. Wilson - Doctor of Humane Letter

## **NAMING OF THE GORNTO TELETECHNET CENTER**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

### **RESOLUTION TO NAME THE TELETECHNET CENTER THE ALBERT BROOKS GORNTO, JR. TELETECHNET CENTER**

WHEREAS, Albert Brooks Gornto, Jr., the only individual to be appointed twice to the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors, served for eight years from 1970 to 1978 and again for one year from 1991 until he retired from the Board due to illness in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Albert Brooks Gornto, Jr., a Norfolk native known to friends as "Buck," earned his degree in business administration from Old Dominion University when it was known as the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Albert Brooks Gornto, Jr., retired chairman of NationsBank Corporation's mid-Atlantic group of banks, helped build the old Sovran Financial Corporation into a major banking organization during his 35-year banking career; and

WHEREAS, Albert Brooks Gornto, Jr., served on the boards of several civic, educational and charitable organizations in the region, including the Chrysler Museum, Sentara Hospitals, Medical College of Hampton Roads, and the United Way; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Old Dominion University established the annual Albert Brooks "Buck" Gornto Regional Service Award at its Founders' Day celebration, to honor him posthumously for his leadership and commitment to Old Dominion University and the Hampton Roads community; and

WHEREAS, it is the Board of Visitors' desire to name certain University buildings in honor of individuals who have made especially important contributions to the University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors hereby names THE ALBERT BROOKS GORNTO, JR. TELETECHNET CENTER in honor of Mr. Gornto, which is to be known as THE GORNTO TELETECHNET CENTER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Visitors and an appropriately framed resolution be presented to Mrs. Barbara Gornto.

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**APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors Executive Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Terry L. Hickey as Dean of the College of Sciences and Professor of Psychology, effective August 1, 1997.

**CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS**

The Rector asked if there was any new business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.