

FINAL– APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 5/19/08

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2008**

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, March 17, 2008, 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
Kenneth E. Ampy
Kendra M. Croshaw
Conrad M. Hall
Ross A. Mugler

Absent from the Committee: Pamela C. Kirk
Pat Tsao

Also present from the Board James A. Hixon
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

Also present: Roseann Runte, President
Matt Bowers (*The Virginian-Pilot*)
John R. Broderick
Robert L. Fenning
Ron Forehand (*Attorney General's Office*)
Donna W. Meeks
Geneva Walker-Johnson
James D. Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 6, 2008. Upon a motion made by Ms. Croshaw and seconded by Mr. Hixon, the minutes were approved by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Stallings*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rector Jacobson noted that the Presidential Search Committee will meet at 1:30 PM and the open forum for faculty and staff will immediately follow. He invited the board members to attend if interested.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President distributed a letter she received from Union University in Tennessee in response to her offer of assistance on behalf of the University following the recent tornado. She had sent similar letters to Northern Illinois and Virginia Tech.

President Runte provided a status report on the General Assembly and the budget, which will not be final until executed by the Governor. She noted concern that research budgets were reduced from the Governor's original budget and that base adequacy funds were also reduced by 50%. She explained the University's budget role in the Schooner Virginia initiative. She thanked the Board for their support of the modeling and simulation budget restoration and noted that she would be in attendance when the Governor visits Virginia Wesleyan on Wednesday night.

Vice President Broderick gave an Admissions briefing, noting significant increases in admitted freshmen, freshmen admitted with distinction, freshmen applications and admitted transfers.

President Runte shared recent activities in academics, including the recent approval by SCHEV of the new Ph.D. in Engineering, upcoming VMASC events, the History and Robotics competitions, and the Blue Crab Bowl sponsored by the Department of Oceanography.

The President provided an update on partnership activities with several entities, including Chesapeake General Regional Health Center, Sentara Healthcare System, NASA/Langley, and Hampton Raceway, as well as external interest in modeling and simulation and a funded research project on flooding in Suffolk.

President Runte noted the opening of the Orchid Conservatory on April 3rd. Vice President Fenning provided an update on activities in the University Village, including the opening of the Marriott Springhill Suites and Monarchs Sports Grill, Margo's Doll, Greek & Embroidery, the addition of Starbucks in the Bookstore, expansion of Borjo (which will be renamed the Bistro), and the planned opening of SoBo. He also reported on Innovation Research Park Building #2. Mr. Mugler expressed concern with the University's plan to lease approximately 40% of the space in the new building and the associated lease costs. The Rector asked Vice President Fenning to provide a detailed report to the Board at the April meeting, including the lease costs charged to private sector companies leasing space in both buildings.

The President announced that the ODU Women's Field Hockey Team was named the Division I national academic team award winner, boasting a combined 3.68 cumulative GPA, and the Lady Monarch's basketball team won the CAA tournament and will find out who their NCAA opponent will be at a pairings party this evening. She and Vice President Fenning also provided an update on football, including ticket sales and construction schedules. The distribution of tickets between donors, season ticket holders and students was discussed.

In the area of Student Affairs, the President noted the creation of the Diversity Institute and the upcoming International Festival. Students and staff are also involved in planning for the new Student Rec Center. She concluded her report with an update on her personal activities since the last Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Rector recognized Mr. Mugler, 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)(1), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing with the President her proposed contracts with specific vice presidents.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, 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 six in favor and none opposed. (*Ampy, Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Stallings*)

MOTION REGARDING VICE PRESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS

Mr. Hixon moved that the title of the Dean of Students be changed to Dean of Students and Chief Student Affairs Officer, and that Glenda Humphreys, Director of Human Resources, be promoted to the rank of Vice President for Human Resources. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mugler and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Stallings*)

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.