

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2008

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, May 19, 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
Pamela C. Kirk
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

Absent from the Committee: Kenneth E. Ampy
Kendra M. Croshaw
Conrad M. Hall
Ross A. Mugler
Pat Tsao

Also present from the Board James A. Hixon
Katherine A. Treherne

Also present: Roseann Runte, President
Robert L. Ash
Matthew Bowers (*The Virginian-Pilot*)
Alonzo Brandon
John R. Broderick
C. Tabor Cronk
Robert L. Fenning
Glenda L. Humphreys
Donna W. Meeks
Geneva Walker-Johnson
Harold Wilson
James D. Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 17, 2008. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved by all members present and voting. (*Hixon, Kirk, Stallings, Treherne*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

In his report to the Board, Rector Jacobson commented on the successful Commencement and the reception honoring President Runte. He thanked board members who attended the events. He noted that the Presidential Search process is proceeding well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Runte introduced Glenda Humphreys as the new Vice President for Human Resources. Vice President John Broderick provided an enrollment report. He noted that ODU reached another record high number of applications received this year and, in fact, has stopped accepting new applications. He reviewed the number of applied and admitted students in several categories, noting that the qualifications for admission as a freshman with distinction have become more rigorous and have resulted in higher quality students in this category as well as in the transfer student category.

Associate Vice President Robert Ash provided an update on the research profile of the University. He noted that the University's total research expenditure for FY07 was \$73.6M and there were 49 research fellows and 2 NAE members among the faculty. He provided information on the research investments and sources of funding, the number of proposals submitted and awarded through the Research Foundation, and shared NSF rankings by discipline.

Vice President Robert Fenning briefed the Committee on the budget. He noted that Old Dominion's budget includes a 2% salary increase, \$750,000 in base adequacy funds, \$1.1M in student financial aid funding, and Modeling & Simulation. The University will also receive an allocation from the Tuition Increase Modification Fund, the amount of which will depend on how many institutions raise tuition and mandatory fees by more than 4%. The bond package includes three capital projects for ODU: purchase of the second VMASC building, Visual Arts Building renovation, and construction of the Student Success Center. The package also includes funds and is developing a process for planning the Systems Research & Academic Building.

Vice President Fenning also provided an update on the status of several capital projects, including the Wrestling addition, the Student Recreation Center, Physical Sciences II, Quad Student Housing Phase II, Powhatan Sports Center, Foreman Field and the Dragas Hall/Visual Arts Building renovation.

Vice President Alonzo Brandon briefed the Committee on several major gift commitments received during the last few months.

President Runte reported that plans for football are progressing well. She briefed the Board on several initiatives. CHEAR, a joint initiative with EVMS and Dr. Juan Montero to develop a program to teach individuals with cochlear implants how to speak, will be based in the Early Childhood Center with an expansion supported by the Beasley Foundation. Former Rector Arthur Diamonstein has assisted the University on developing a joint research grant with the Department of Tourism and the cities in an effort to promote tourism in the area. The Maglev research project has received additional funding to continue work on the track and vehicle.

State funding for Modeling & Simulation will be cut by \$3M in the second year of the biennium and finding alternative funding is a top priority for the University. President Runte has met with General Abrams, and will be meeting with Admiral Coen, about the possibility of receiving Federal funds to place a Center for Modeling & Simulation at Old Dominion University. She has also spoken with Anne Shumadine, who is working for a group of investors who may have a considerable amount of money to invest in Modeling & Simulation.

President Runte provided an update on the Wind Tunnel and Rolling Road. The City of Hampton turned down the University's request to advance the funds or to provide an interest-free, long-term loan in order to purchase the Rolling road, so the University will purchase it and decide whether to relocate it, use it with NASA, or sell it to another wind tunnel.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old or unfinished business for the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stallings asked for an update on the presidential search. The Rector indicated that the search committee is following the schedule developed by the consultants, with the goal of identifying the new President by July.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.