

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, June 19, 2009**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Friday, June 19, 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
Linda L. Forehand
Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
Conrad M. Hall
Pamela C. Kirk
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.

Absent from the Committee: Katherine Treherne

Also present from the Board: James A. Hixon
Marc Jacobson

Also present: John R. Broderick, President
Mark Benson
Rick Berry
Alonzo Brandon
Robert L. Fenning
Glenda Humphreys
Patrick B. Kelly
Donna W. Meeks
Carol Simpson
Geneva Walker-Johnson
Jay 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/Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on March 24, 2009. Upon a motion made by Adm. Gehman and seconded by Mr. Hall, the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Croshaw, Forehand, Gehman, Hall, Jacobson, Kirk, Stallings.*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector announced that President Broderick received the Julian F. Hirst Leadership Award from Lead Hampton Roads at the 2009 Regional Leadership Awards Dinner last evening. Rector Mugler stated that he attended SCHEV forum on higher educational funding last week and commented on the speaker from Longwood College who asserted that Boards of Visitors need to be more fully engaged in fundraising activities for their respective institutions. He asked Vice President Brandon to be thinking of ways to include Board members in fundraising activities. It was pointed out that some professions preclude involvement in fundraising activities (e.g., Judges).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his report to the committee, President Broderick provided an update on the status of the work of the Policy Review Committee, chaired by Donna Meeks. He highlighted academic achievements, noting President Obama's recommendation that Admiral Robert F. Willard '05 be appointed as commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii/ Professor Mounir Laroussi's article in the *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*, has been featured in science journals worldwide; Professor William Owing's study on the Troops to Teachers program was featured in *The Washington Post*; and Physicians for Peace hosted a symposium on "Collaborative and Sustainable Health Care in the Developing World that was co-sponsored by Old Dominion University.

President Broderick reported that there has been a 15% increase in the amount of research proposals that have been submitted compared with last year at this time. Mr. Jacobson asked about the status of the second research building. Vice President Fenning that the core and shell are complete and the space for Bioelectrics will be complete and occupied within the next 30 days, and construction on the Vivarium and the space for Health Sciences is beginning. Building #1 is 95% occupied.

Student Affairs has developed the Neighbor 2 Neighbor program, which is intended introduce students living in the surrounding neighborhoods to their permanent neighbors and to remind them of their responsibilities for being a good neighbor.

A freshman class of 2700 is expected for the fall. While freshman housing applications are down from last year at this time, that number is expected to rise during the summer. There appears to be a trend, most likely due to the economic climate, of more local students living at home. The Office of Admissions has been encouraged to recruit more students in other parts of the State as well as in other states. The number of International Students is beginning to approach pre-9/11 numbers, though a lot less scattered than in previous years. They general come from 8-10 countries. Recruiting efforts for international students have become more strategic and more faculty members are being engaged in the process.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, has been confirmed as a speaker for the Fall Commencement on December 19th. President Broderick noted that a movie of his life starring Cuba Gooding, Jr. was recently released.

Since the last Board meeting, the President held three days of meetings with alumni in Atlanta greater Atlanta region, met with legislators for three days, was the speaker at the NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation Academic Outreach Programme in Bologna, Italy, and was the recipient of the Julian F. Hirst award from Lead Hampton Roads and the Marian Palmer Capps award recipient from the Urban League of Hampton Roads.

At the conclusion of his report, President Broderick called on Provost Simpson for an update on the Strategic Plan. Provost Simpson reviewed the activities to date, and noted that the Board and constituent review of the draft Strategic Plan will occur during the summer, with the final plan submitted to the Board for approval at the September meeting. She reviewed the six major goals of the Plan, noting that the goals and specific objectives address issues noted in the Institutional Review. A business plan will also be developed to address the financial resources to support the Plan.

President Broderick then called on Vice President Fenning, who reviewed the SWaM Plan goals that were developed as a requirement for Level II authority and were discussed with the Secretary of Education. He distributed the SWaM Plan, which includes a list of affirmative actions that will be taken in order to achieve the stated goals. A motion to approve the goals was made by Ms. Croshaw, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. *(Croshaw, Forehand, Gehman, Hall, Jacobson, Kirk, Stallings.)*

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 Sections 2.2-3711(A) (8) and (11), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to gifts and fund-raising activities and potential naming opportunities.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobson and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. *(Croshaw, Forehand, Gehman, Hall, Hixon, Jacobson, Kirk, 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 eight in favor and none opposed. *(Croshaw, Forehand, Gehman, Hall, Hixon, Jacobson, Kirk, Stallings.)*

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Rector announced that the July 20th date currently held for the next meeting of the Executive Committee will instead be a full Board meeting; however, no standing committee meetings will be held that day.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.