

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2010**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday, March 15, 2010, 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.
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
Mohammad Karim
Patrick B. Kelly
Donna W. Meeks
Jennifer Mullen
Carol Simpson
Geneva Walker-Johnson
James 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 22, 2010. Ms. Croshaw pointed out an error in the draft minutes where it was noted that she and Mr. Jacobson voted on a motion but were not in attendance. The correction will be made to the final minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jacobson and seconded by Mr. Hall, the minutes were unanimously approved, as corrected, by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Gehman, Forehand, Hall, Hixon, Jacobson, Kirk, Stallings, Treherne.*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector announced that Pat Kelly will be retiring on September 1, 2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rector called on President Broderick for his report to the Committee. He reported that finalists have been identified for the Deans of the Colleges of Education and Arts and Letters. The search for the Dean of the College of Health Sciences will begin soon and will be assisted by an academic search consultant. John Sokolowski was appointed Executive Director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center and was the overwhelming choice of the search committee comprised of university and industry representatives. The President thanked Marc Jacobson and Barry Kornblau for serving on the search committee that recommended the appointment of Wood Selig as Athletic Director.

Keeling and Associates, the firm engaged to conduct an assessment of student affairs, completed a student survey and will return to campus next week to report on its results. President Broderick recognized Dr. Treherne for her involvement in this review.

During the legislative session, ODU received nongeneral fund authority to begin the planning phase for the new Darden College of Education building, had funding restored for the College's Teaching-Training Center, and received funds for construction of the new Systems Research Building. For employees, no furlough days were added (though the one day remains for the current fiscal year), a 3% one-time bonus will be given in 2011 if revenue projections are met, and the requirement to contribute to their retirement was removed for current employees (though new employees starting after July 1 will have to contribute 5%).

Enrollment projections are up in every category – freshman, graduate, transfer and international – and will likely surpass goals for the fall 2010 semester.

The University received a clean audit on the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, from the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Audit Committee will receive a report from the APA auditors in April.

The Old Dominion University men's basketball team won the CAA Tournament and will play Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament in New Orleans on Thursday afternoon. The game will be broadcast on the local CBS affiliate.

The groundbreaking for the Community Development Corporation project on 43rd Street was held last week. This project brings affordable housing to members of the workforce, including Norfolk public school teachers, city employees, police officers, medical professionals and perhaps some university employees. The University also continues to make significant progress with the City of Norfolk on the proposed police precinct. If successful, this would be a great benefit to Old Dominion, Lambert's Point, and the other surrounding neighborhoods. The renovation of Dragas Hall is currently underway and, when complete, will change the main entrance of the campus significantly. The 43rd Street project will also change the look of the second main entrance to the University.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector recognized Ms. Croshaw, 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)(7), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of receiving advice of counsel on protected classes.” The motion was seconded and approved by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Gehman, Forehand, Hall, Hixon, Jacobson, Kirk, 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 11 in favor and none opposed. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Gehman, Forehand, Hall, Hixon, Jacobson, Kirk, Stallings, Treherne.*)

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Rector stated that the Presidential Evaluation and Compensation Committee will meet at the conclusion of this meeting, and all Board members who are present are welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

President Broderick reported that within the last 24 hours, there has been some discussion in Richmond about allowing state agencies to pay their way out of the planned furlough day by giving back funds to the State that are equivalent to one day’s payroll, which for Old Dominion University would be approximately \$450,000. He is interested in doing this and is waiting to see if the other universities follow suit, but wanted feedback from the Board.

The merits of the buy-out were discussed extensively. Board members were generally supportive of doing so as a gesture of goodwill, so long as the University has the funds to cover the cost, while concern was also expressed about how the General Assembly would react to future requests for additional funds if the buy-out was done. The option of doing so only for employees below a certain income level was also discussed.

When asked how soon a decision needed to be made, Vice President Humphreys said that it would need to be made very soon, as the institution is required to give 30-days notice to all employees of the details of the furlough.

Mr. Stallings asked where the funds would come from the buy-out. Vice President Fenning stated that the University budgeted on level enrollment and revenue from enrollment growth

could be used to fund this. President Broderick added that our employees do so much more with lesser funding and are deserving of the expense.

The Rector commented that he would like for Old Dominion to be among the first in the State to do this. After further discussion, a motion was made by Adm. Gehman that the Board grant the authority to the President to decide the best course of action, based on availability of funds and consistent with the other institutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bernd and was unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Bernd, Croshaw, Gehman, Forehand, Hall, Hixon, Jacobson, Kirk, Stallings, Treherne.*)

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.