

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2012**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday, March 12, 2012, at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee:

Pamela C. Kirk, Vice Rector
Kenneth E. Ampy
Sarita A. Brown (via telephone)
Linda L. Forehand (via telephone)
Marc Jacobson
Barry M. Kornblau
Fred C. Whyte

The Rector, David Bernd, was also listening in on the meeting but was not participating in the meeting, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, since he was not at a location accessible to the public.

Present from the administration were:

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| Alonzo Brandon | Jennifer Mullen |
| Robert Fenning | Earl Nance |
| David Harnage | Ellen Neufeldt (via telephone) |
| Mohammad Karim | September Sanderlin |
| Elizabeth Kersey | Carol Simpson |
| Gwen Lee-Thomas | James D. Wright |
| Donna W. Meeks | |

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Vice Rector, who presided over the meeting since the Rector participated by telephone, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on October 17, 2011. Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the minutes were approved by roll-call vote of all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Brown, Forehand, Jacobson, Kornblau, Whyte*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Vice Rector noted that President Broderick is traveling and hopes to call in to participate in the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Provost Carol Simpson briefed the Committee on a report by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, which was commissioned by the Beazley Foundation, entitled "The Diffusion of Light and Education: Meeting the Challenges of Higher Education in Virginia," as well as ODU's response and that of the American Association of University Professors. Provost Simpson commented that ACTA is an independent, non-profit organization that has its own agenda and very specific ideas on what constitutes a core undergraduate curriculum. In its 2009 report on General Education in the "Top 100" colleges and universities, Harvard University received a grade of "D" while "F" grades were given to Brown, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt and Yale.

ACTA defines a General Education core curriculum as comprising 7 essential courses, each with a very restricted ACTA definition. The Provost reviewed those courses where ODU did not meet ACTA's standards, and explained the differences between those standards and ODU's General Education Standards. The courses were Economics, Foreign Languages, U.S. Government/History, and Math.

None of the Virginia schools were given credit for Economics as none requires this as a general education course in preference to other social sciences subjects. ODU student may take a course in Economics or choose other "Ways of Knowing" courses designed to develop students' critical and analytical thinking skills.

ACTA requires at least three semesters of a Foreign Language, while Old Dominion requires a minimum of two semesters (with four-semester requirements for students in the Colleges of Arts & Letters and Business and Public Administration).

James Madison University was the only Virginia school to receive ACTA credit in U.S. Government/History. ACTA requires a survey course to expose students to the sweep of American history and institutions. ODU takes a more global view and offers more choices from American, World, Asian, European, Latin American, or African history.

ACTA considered ODU, Longwood, Norfolk State, Richmond, Mary Washington and the University of Virginia as "not meeting" its math standard. ACTA requires that a college-level course in mathematics involve study beyond the level of intermediate algebra and cover topics beyond those typical of a college-preparatory high school curriculum. ODU requires one of four Mathematics/Statistics courses, and only Math 101A, acceptable for a very limited range of majors, does not go beyond intermediate algebra.

The Provost reviewed ODU's General Education requirements, which include the six SCHEV Core Competencies for General Education and 15 essential learning outcomes that apply to those core competencies. She commented that Old Dominion has a far better general education curriculum than what it would have if it followed ACTA's guidelines.

Mr. Jacobson asked why the University does not require students to take American History. The Provost said that that was the decision of the General Education Committee. Mr. Jacobson said that ODU students should take American History; Fred Whyte added that he agreed and that students should also take a course in U.S. Government. Vice President Neufeldt noted that

students are required to have high school credits in U.S. History and Government in order to be admitted to the University. After a brief discussion, Mr. Jacobson asked for an explanation as to why U.S. History is not a required course. The Provost said that she would take his concern back to the General Education Committee of the Faculty Senate and report back to the Board. Mr. Jacobson requested that it be reflected in the minutes that the Board will have a follow-up discussion on this issue.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Vice Rector recognized Mr. Ampy, 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) (8), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, specifically, consideration of naming opportunities in recognition of gifts to the University.” The motion was duly seconded and approved by roll-call vote of all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Brown, Forehand, Jacobson, Kornblau, Whyte*). The Vice Rector asked Mr. Bernd to remain on the line for the closed session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of the closed session, the meeting was reconvened in open session, at which time the Vice 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 was taken by roll-call vote and was six in favor and none opposed. (*Ampy, Brown, Forehand, Jacobson, Kornblau, Whyte*).

NAMING RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the following Resolutions were approved by roll-call vote of all members present and voting, with the understanding that these must be ratified by the full Board at their next meeting. (*Ampy, Brown, Forehand, Jacobson, Kornblau, Whyte*).

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE ARTS BUILDING AS
THE BARRY ARTS BUILDING**

WHEREAS, Old Dominion University has been granted authority by the Commonwealth of Virginia to construct a new arts building and studio to house the Old Dominion University Art Department and programs; and

WHEREAS, the “Arts in the Village” project brings many of the arts from across the ODU campus to one location in the University Village, and as part of ODU's master plan, the project creates a dynamic arts community along Monarch Way by centralizing the fine, studio, and theatre arts, and in such an atmosphere, inspiration, creativity, and collaboration will thrive; and

WHEREAS, the new arts building will house modern, state-of-the-art offices, classrooms and studio spaces for art history, graphic design, fibers, painting, and drawing; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Building will house the Jean Outland Chrysler Library, the art research library for the Chrysler Museum of Art, and its collection of over 106,000 rare and unique volumes relating to the history of art making it one of the most significant art libraries in the South; and

WHEREAS, it will also house the Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library which includes an impressive collection of over 10,000 volumes on architecture, sculpture, drawing, painting, print media, photography and arts and crafts; and

WHEREAS, Richard Barry, former member, vice rector and rector of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors and former member of the Old Dominion University Educational Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Barry’s philanthropy includes numerous contributions to the University and overwhelming support to countless community organizations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University approve the naming of the Arts Building as the Barry Arts Building, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread across the minutes of the Board of Visitors and an appropriately framed copy be presented to Richard and Carolyn Barry and signage be prominently displayed outside of the Barry Arts Building.

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE MONARCH THEATRE AS THE
GOODE THEATRE**

WHEREAS, the “Arts in the Village” project brings many of the arts from across the Old Dominion University campus to one location in the University Village, and as part of ODU's master plan, the project creates a dynamic arts community along Monarch Way by centralizing the fine, studio, and theatre arts, and in such an atmosphere, inspiration, creativity, and collaboration will thrive; and

WHEREAS, the 25,000 sq. ft. contemporary theatre facility provides professional-grade performance and rehearsal space for the University's Communication and Theatre Arts Department;

WHEREAS, the theatre facility houses a state-of-the-art 150-seat black box performance hall with a flexible main stage, a large, fully-functional scene shop, an impressive sound stage for film and sound production, a green room, dressing rooms, and an attractive lobby space with a modern lighting and projection system; and

WHEREAS, David and Susan Goode have been and continue to be generous supporters and leaders in numerous local, state and national boards for corporations, colleges and universities, the arts, the environment and human services; and

WHEREAS, the Goode's philanthropy includes lead support for the Monarch Theatre and numerous other contributions to the University and overwhelming support to countless community organizations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University approve the naming of the Monarch Theatre as the Goode Theatre in honor of Susan, David, Christina and Martha Goode, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread across the minutes of the Board of Visitors and an appropriately framed copy be presented to the Goode Family and signage be prominently displayed outside of the Theatre.

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE POWHATAN SPORTS COMPLEX AS
THE L.R. HILL SPORTS COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, the Powhatan Sports Complex brings the football, field hockey and lacrosse programs from across the ODU campus to one location along Powhatan Avenue, and as part of ODU's master plan, the project creates a dynamic athletic facility along Powhatan Avenue by centralizing the football, field hockey, and lacrosse programs in close proximity to their campus housing, game day venue, sports medicine, and strength and conditioning; and

WHEREAS, the practice facility provides state of the art practice space for the University's Football, Field Hockey and Lacrosse programs; and

WHEREAS, the sports complex houses playing fields, locker rooms, media rooms, player lounges, coaches offices, conference space, an attractive lobby, along; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Larry and Kathy Hill have been and continue to be generous supporters and leaders in numerous local, and regional philanthropic causes, boards, athletics, colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the Hill's philanthropy includes lead support for the Powhatan Sports Complex and numerous other contributions to the University and overwhelming support to countless community organizations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University approve the naming of the Powhatan Sports Complex as the L.R. Hill Sports Complex, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread across the minutes of the Board of Visitors and an appropriately framed copy be presented to Larry and Kathy Hill and signage be prominently displayed outside of the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.