**Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Executive Committee**

**With the Provost & VP Greg DuBois**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

3:00- 4:15 p.m.

Zoom Conference

1. **Called to order 3:01 pm**
	1. In attendance:
		1. Provost Austin Agho, VP of Finance Greg DuBois, Chairman John Sokolowski, Secretary Corrin Richels, Vice-Chair Nina Brown, Senator David Burdige, Senator Lynn Tolle, Senator Marc Ouellette, Senator Wie Yusuf, Library Representative James Rhoades
2. **Action Items**
* Potential merger with EVMS
	+ The Governor has shown interest in this initiative
		- Neither ODU nor EVMS are the progenitors of this merger/partnership
		- Looking to the Governor’s office to provide budget support
		- A commitment for the commonwealth is necessary for anything to move forward
	+ Back in exploratory mode
	+ We are the only region that doesn’t have a professional school attached to it
	+ The funding and potential implications for EVMS, Sentara, & ODU has to be detailed
	+ Would take at least a year for some sort of transition to take place
	+ Sentara is interested in making an academic Health Sciences campus
	+ No direct implication for the Health Sciences building
* Budget Update
	+ This is the first year of the biennial budget
		- The General Assembly can still change funding when they are back in session
	+ Still cautious about the potential impact enrollments will have for the long term
		- Enrollment is up 3% in terms of number of students in terms of credit hours there was a 1.8% increase
	+ We will receive an additional $10 million this year with a decrease for the following year
	+ Will be reviewing the steps taken over the course of this year
	+ There is no longer a hiring freeze at the state level
	+ The Office of Finance has already unfrozen approximately ½ of the academic budget for priority hires identified by the Provost
		- The Deans have been made aware of which lines have been released
	+ Another priority is to shore up the budget for Adjunct faculty for this year
		- Will provide an additional 2 million to these efforts
		- The adjunct budget shortfall still occurred despite reductions made this year
	+ Reduced the NPS budgets and will look to restore some of that
		- Will try to restore it entirely in the following year
	+ Took a significant hit in student fees for housing, dining, athletics, etc.
		- These areas will continue to face difficulties
	+ Revenue for the state was better than expected
		- Was still a large shortfall
		- Tax revenues will be impacted
* Planning for Spring Semester
	+ The plan is still to start the semester on January 19
	+ Added two days for mental health breaks for faculty and students
	+ The expectation is that there will still be no Spring Break
		- Eliminating Spring Break allows us to be in compliance for the number of weeks needed in a semester
	+ If adjustments to policies have to be made, every effort will be made to provide the faculty an opportunity to give input
* President and Provost comments
	+ Tech Fee policy – this is a policy that comes out of the President’s office
		- Previously $20 per credit hour
			* 50% goes back to the department
		- Currently increased to $30
			* The additional $10 per credit hour has not been part of the percentage that goes back to departments
			* This was originally implemented to keep the academic side from having to take a budget cut
		- The funds that go to the department are supposed to be used to support online instruction
	+ Teach-load policy
		- Committee I has not provided their feedback as of yet
	+ Changes to policies
		- Please send to Provost Agho before President Broderick
	+ Concern raised regarding support of Faculty
		- Funding for home office supplies
		- Acknowledgement and support for faculty efforts that cause monetary and mental health strain
1. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm