

**Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**  
3:00- 4:30 p.m.  
Zoom Conference

**Called to order 3:00 pm**

- *In attendance* ( $N = 14$ ):
  - President Hemphill, Provost Agho, Chairman John Sokolowski, Vice Chair Michael Carhart, Secretary Corrin Gillis, Senator David Burdige, Senator Wie Yusuf, Library Representative James Rhoades, Senator Lynne Tolle
  - ODU Online Taskforce: Helen Crompton, Morris Foster
  - Price Waterhouse Consultants for Higher Education: Ben Scott, Margaret Stover, David Church

**Agenda**

1. Briefing on EVMS/ODU Effort

- President Hemphill is adamant that the effort WILL NOT go forward without the necessary funding to sustain it from the Commonwealth and Sentara Medical Group
- There is a long history of interest in partnership between EVMS and ODU
- The hope is to address health disparities in the region, infuse research, and strengthen the workforce
- Representatives from Price Waterhouse Consultants
  - Margaret Stover – expertise in development and governance in medical schools etc.
  - David Church – academic medicine
  - Ben Scott – Higher Ed practice; design; strategies; planning etc.
- Most of the planning process to move toward implementation will take place over the 2022 calendar year with budget asks occurring at the beginning of 2023
- Planning for implementation will continue to take place through the first half of 2023
  - The communication plan details a commitment to shared governance and faculty input
- Committees are being formed to evaluate this effort over the next 18 months to make sure that it is fiscally and practically viable

2. ODU Online Task Force

- This taskforce was asked to assess the current state of online learning at ODU and develop a set of recommendations to increase enrollment of full-time online students (this does not include hybrid courses)
- Discussion centered around faculty workload and organizational structure
  - We will need to be very selective and strategic about the programs we are going to expand
  - Some programs can expand aggressively, and others are not practical

3. Update on budget process and general assembly

- Things are moving along well
- We have around \$226 million dollars in the budget
  - Biology building
  - Financial Aid
  - Base budget
  - Center for coastal resilience authority in planning and funding stage

4. Plan for faculty hiring

- Budget requests are being reviewed now
- The Provost will meet with the Deans tomorrow to stratify requests
- Budget reduction exercise will be reviewed as well
- Discussion around the decrease in hiring tenure-track lines over the last few years
  - Provost indicated that we have reduced the student to faculty ratio from 1:21 to 1:17
  - We have added faculty lines and have not decreased adjunct faculty

5. Student Opinion Survey way ahead
  - Senate passed a revision to the Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy including the verbiage on the SOS
6. Implications of R1 status
  - EC will meet with Morris Foster next week to discuss
  - Will help with the recruiting of faculty and students
  - Moving forward the pressure for graduating the same number of PhD students and having research faculty
7. ODU Covid policy
  - Faculty, staff, & student policy is now consistent
  - We have high percentages of vaccination across categories
  - We will be able to maintain our masking policies
8. Dr. Walker review status
  - EC is working to finalize our review for comments and feedback prior to distribution to the Senate

**Meeting adjourned 4:32 pm**