

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday, October 15, 2012, at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee were:

Fred C. Whyte, Rector
Jeffrey W. Ainslie
Kenneth E. Ampy
Marc Jacobson
Andrea M. Kilmer

Also present from the Board were:

Frank Reidy
Judith O. Swystun

Present from the administration were:

John R. Broderick, President	Earl Nance
Alonzo Brandon	Ellen Neufeldt
Robert Fenning	September Sanderlin
David Harnage	Carol Simpson
Mohammad Karim	James D. Wright
Donna W. Meeks	

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 August 20, 2012. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jacobson and seconded by Mr. Ampy, the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ainslie, Ampy, Jacobson, Kilmer, Reidy, Swystun*)

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rector Whyte thanked the Executive Committee members who agreed to serve as committee chairs. Although he was not able to accommodate everyone's preferences on committee appointments, there will be an opportunity to make changes when the committees are appointed again next in June. He thanked Donna Meeks for her assistance.

The Rector noted that Board members can reach him more readily via email; his frequent travel schedule makes reaching him by telephone difficult.

Old Dominion's athletic successes continue, with the 14th ranked men's soccer team's recent win over UNC-Wilmington and the Lady Monarchs field hockey team's win over Duke. Though we are all still "licking our wounds" over the football team's loss to Villanova, Coach Wilder is aware of the issues and will have the team ready for the game at Towson.

Rector Whyte noted the article about Velvet Grant, Assistant to the President and COO, in a recent edition of *Inside ODU*, when she was made an honorary member of the local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen – only the second civilian to have received this honor. He stated that she is a special individual who does not seek recognition, but nonetheless, he made a motion that she be congratulated on behalf of the Board of Visitors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ainslie and unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Ainslie, Ampy, Jacobson, Kilmer, Reidy, Swystun*)

The Rector also noted that he will be unable to attend the December Board meeting due to a previous commitment, and Vice Rector Kornblau has been asked to chair the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Broderick noted several recent and upcoming events on campus. As part of Homecoming weekend, over 400 alumni and guests attended the Distinguished Alumni Dinner, almost 100 guests attended a breakfast for Donna Dabney of Alcoa hosted by Kate Broderick, and the Homecoming Day parade and game provided a nice opportunity to bring people back to campus to see how it has grown. The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Engineering Systems Research & Academic Building was held on October 5. ODU also hosted CNN and a group of undecided Virginia voters on October 11 during the vice presidential debate. NCAA President Mark Emmert will speak about the future of intercollegiate athletics at the President's Lecture Series on October 23. The President's "Monarch Mornings" are an opportunity to visit with different departments to get a feel for what interests employees.

The President presented the details of the budget submission sent to the Governor. Capital requests include, in priority order, (1) New School of Education, (2) Systems Research and Academic Building Equipment, (3) New Military Connection Center Building, and (4) New Student Services and Administration Building - Capital Lease Authority. The University is also seeking private funding from a potential donor for the new Military Connection Center Building. Mr. Harnage added that he is working with folks from the Peninsula on a Freedom Center, one of the Governor's initiatives to create a physical presence for the military on the Peninsula.

Operating requests include, in priority order, (1) Increase E&G NGF Appropriation, (2) Increase Auxiliary NGF Appropriation, (3) Increase Faculty Positions, (4) Increase Base Operating Support, (5) Commonwealth Center for Port & Maritime Logistics, (6) Military Connection Program, (7) Expand Bioelectrics, and (8) Enhance Solar Alternative Energy Facilities. President Broderick commented that increasing faculty positions is key to moving forward in the STEM-H disciplines and for continuing to improve graduation and retention rates. Old Dominion's student/faculty ratio is 21/1 compared with the average 17/1 at the other Virginia

doctorial institutions. Continuing to increase base adequacy is also a high priority, and \$6.2M has been requested to bring ODU's base adequacy from 80% to 87%. The focus of this year's requests is on serving our students, especially Virginians. Students ought to have the same opportunity to interact with faculty as our sister institutions. Our other priorities focus on research and economic development initiatives. We have established a strong relationship with the State, with Secretary of Transportation Connaughton's interest in our work with port and maritime initiatives. This is a tremendous niche that other institutions do not have, and is relevant both nationally and internationally. Currently we are 8th in the world in port and maritime research, but could well be 3rd or 4th with the Port & Maritime Certificate program going online as part of the MBA and MPA online programs. Capt. Cofer has assisted in getting support from the community. Mr. Reidy and Richard Heller have been instrumental in gaining additional support for bioelectrics.

Mr. Reidy asked if there will be adequate administrative overhead to support the additional faculty. Mr. Harnage said that ODU is over 200 below the average in classified, administrative and executive positions, but this year's budget is focused on faculty since our dependence on adjunct faculty does not serve our students well. Should we receive the funding, it will be a challenge to house and support them, but it would be a problem we'd be happy to have.

In response to a question from the Rector, President Broderick said that it will likely be after the elections before he has an opportunity to meet with the Governor. Once the date has been set, he hopes that one or two Board members can accompany him. Mr. Ainslie commented that the meetings with the Governor over the last couple of years have been very successful and productive due to the President's relationship with the Governor. The President encouraged Board members to remind our legislative delegation how significant base adequacy is, but to stress that today we are focusing on efforts to improve faculty/student ratios as we continue to serve Virginians. The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will host a dinner next month in Suffolk to which the Board will be invited, and he will make sure talking points are prepared in advance.

Ms. Swystun asked about the stadium expansion. President Broderick said that the stadium is being looked at as part of the overall master plan that is currently underway.

President Broderick said that these requests are in line with the Six-Year Plan the Board has already approved and we are hopeful to get the Governor's support or a House/Senate amendment in support of these initiatives. Mr. Jacobson commended President Broderick, noting that Old Dominion University has never had a better relationship with the Governor and the legislature. Ms. Kilmer asked Donna to send the budget presentation to the Board members.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Rector asked about an article in *The Virginian Pilot* about an ACTA funding award to Regent University and whether Old Dominion should be pursuing such an award. President Broderick replied that ACTA promotes a very proscriptive way of teaching which ODU does not support. Mr. Ampy references the campus safety issues at VCU and asked how ODU is doing. President Broderick said that so far we are doing very well and praised the work of Police Chief Rhonda Harris. Vice President Neufeldt and her staff have also done a lot to make students aware of their safety obligations.

Provost Simpson noted that Virginia's Teacher of the Year, Kathryn Galford, received both her bachelor's and master's degree from the Darden College of Education. The President also noted that Tim Seibles, Associate Professor of English, was a finalist for the National Book Award.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.