MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University met at 12:00 Noon on Monday, March 28, 2022, in the Board Room of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee were:

R. Bruce Bradley, Rector
Yvonne T. Allmond
Robert A. Broermann
Jerri Dickseski
Omotomilola Jegede (Student Representative)

Absent from the Committee: Robert S. Corn
Unwanna B. Dabney
Toykea S. Jones

Also in attendance from the Board: Ross Mugler
Murry Pitts
Armistead D. Williams

Board member Lisa Smith observed the meeting via Zoom.

Also present were:

Brian O. Hemphill, President
Austin Agho
Morris Foster
Annie Gibson
Casey Kohler
Donna Meeks
Chad Reed
September Sanderlin
Ashley Schumaker
Don Stansberry
Allen Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. He welcomed Rob Broermann to the Executive Committee as the new chair of the Administration & Finance Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ms. Dickseski and seconded by Ms. Allmond, the minutes of the January 31, 2022, Executive Committee were approved (Ayes: Allmond, Bradley, Dickseski, Abstained: Broermann; Nays: None).
RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector indicated that he had no report for the Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Monarch Magazine – President Hemphill called the Board members' attention to the latest edition of the Monarch Magazine highlighting the outstanding research and work of our world-class faculty, students and alumni. It was distributed nationally to the presidents and provosts of institutions of higher education and has garnered positive feedback. This tradition will continue as a way of sharing information about the University. He acknowledged the work of Assistant Vice President Giovanna Genard and the members of her team for their outstanding work in producing the magazine. The Rector commented that this has an impact on the U.S. News and World Report college rankings.

New Vice President for Administration & Finance – President Hemphill introduced Chad Reed who joined the University as the new Vice President for Administration & Finance on March 10. He said that Chad has a great understanding of the Commonwealth and the community and has hit the ground running.

Institute for Advanced Learning and Research – President Hemphill traveled to Danville on March 17 to visit the Institute of Advanced Learning and Research. He commented that it was inspiring to see what's happening at the Institute and the broader efforts to revitalize the region. He was joined by a colleague from Patrick Henry Community College and representatives of local business and industry to announce a first of its kind partnership to address workforce shortages in the Navy and defense contract industries. ODU's engineering technology program is well suited to start the first four-year bachelor's degree program in manufacturing engineering technology to address this need. He recognized the leadership of Provost Agho and Interim Dean of the College of Engineering & Technology Khan Iftekharuddin in launching this partnership.

Strategic Plan – The Strategic Plan Steering Committee met last week and accepted and approved reports from the Challenges & Opportunities and Mission, Vision & Core Values Subcommittees. He recognized September Sanderlin, Brian Payne and Velvet Grant for their leadership on these committees. The work of these two subcommittees have set the stage for the work of the other seven subcommittees over the coming months. The budget and writing teams will meet on April 6 and April 20, respectively. The process remains on track to bring a draft report to the Board in September, receive the Board's feedback between September and December, and request formal approval at the Board's December meeting for implementation in January 2023. It will then be updated twice a year with a public-facing website to share the University's progress and the Board will receive regular updates. A progress report will be published at the mid-point of the five-year plan.

Spring Football Game/Charity Bowl – The spring football game will be paired for the first time with the annual Priority Automotive Charity Bowl on Saturday, April 9. It will be a great opportunity to raise a lot of money for the charities it supports.
MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector recognized Ms. Allmond, who made the following motion, "Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be convened in closed session, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A), subsections (1), (6) and (7) for the purposes of discussing the appointment and performance of specific employees; the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the University would be adversely affected; and consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the University." The motion was seconded by Mr. Broermann and approved (Ayes: Allmond, Bradley, Broermann, Dickseski; Nays: None).

In addition to the Board members present, President Brian O. Hemphill, Ashley Schumaker, Morris Foster and Allen Wilson were present during all or part of the closed session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of closed session, the Rector reconvened the meeting and the following Freedom of Information Act Certification was read: “Any person who believes that the Board discussed items which were not specifically exempted by law or not included in the motion, must now state where they believe there was a departure from the law or a departure in the discussion of matters other than that stated in the motion convening the closed session. I shall now take a vote of the Board. All those who agree that only lawfully exempted matters and specifically only the business matter stated in the motion convening the closed session were discussed in closed session say “aye.” All those who disagree say “nay.”” The certification was approved (Ayes: Allmond, Bradley, Broermann, Dickseski; Nays: None).

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dickseski and properly seconded, the following resolution was approved (Ayes: Allmond, Bradley, Broermann, Dickseski; Nays: None).

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors hereby approves President Brian O. Hemphill’s membership on the Jefferson Science Associates, LLC (JSA) Board of Directors and Preston Hollow Community Capital Board of Managers in accordance with Section K of his employment agreement.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.