

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Thursday, January 17, 2008

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University, called by the Rector for the purpose of discussing the resignation of Old Dominion University President Roseann Runte, was held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Board were:

Marc Jacobson, Rector
Kenneth E. Ampy
Frank Batten, Jr.
Kendra M. Croshaw
Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
Conrad M. Hall
Pamela C. Kirk
Barry M. Kornblau
Ross A. Mugler
Moody E. Stallings, Jr.
Mark E. Strome (via telephone)

Also present were:

Roseann Runte, President
Matt Bowers (*The Virginian Pilot*)
John R. Broderick
C. Tabor Cronk
Richard Massey
Donna W. Meeks
Jennifer Mullen

CALL TO ORDER

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and thanked everyone for attending on such short notice. He commented that the selection of the University's next president is the most important function of the Board. He lauded President Runte for the foundation that has been developed under her leadership, and commented that it is precisely because of her success that the University is in a position to move forward.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector recognized Ms. Kirk, who made the following motion, A Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and as permitted by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A) (1) and (10), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the resignation of Old Dominion University President Roseann Runte, specifically, the president's compensation, specific appointments to the Presidential Search Committee, and a nomination for an honorary degree. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings, Strome*)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of the closed session, the meeting reconvened in open session, at which time the 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 vote was nine in favor and none opposed. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Batten moved that the Board of Visitors requests that the Old Dominion University Educational Foundation honor the intention of the Board of Visitors that the President receive her deferred compensation through fiscal year 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stallings and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

A motion was made by Mr. Kornblau that the Board of Visitors approves the composition of the Presidential Search Committee as follows:

Kenneth E. Ampy >90, current Board of Visitors member and CEO of Astyra Corp.;

Frank Batten, Jr., current member and former rector of the Board of Visitors and CEO of Landmark Communications;

Oktay Baysal, dean of the Batten College of Engineering and Technology;

John R. Broderick, vice president for institutional advancement and admissions and chief of staff;

Kendra M. Croshaw >00, vice rector of the Board of Visitors;

Michele M. Darby, Eminent Scholar and University Professor of dental hygiene;

James A. Hixon, current member and former rector of the Board of Visitors and executive vice president of law and corporate relations of Norfolk Southern Corp.;

Marc Jacobson, rector of the Board of Visitors and retired Judge of the Norfolk Circuit Court;

Vishnu Kamisetty, president of the Old Dominion University Indian Students Association;

Brenda N. Lewis, assistant vice president for graduate studies;

Ross A. Mugler >84 (M.P.A. >03), current Board of Visitors member and commissioner of the revenue for the city of Hampton;

William Russell, former Board of Visitors member and deputy superintendent of schools for the city of Chesapeake;

Anne B. Shumadine, former rector of the Board of Visitors and chairman of Signature Financial Management, Inc.;

Judy Smith, budget analyst and president of the Hourly and Classified Employees Association;

G. Richard Whittecar, associate professor of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences; and

Shewling Moy Wong >87, president of the Old Dominion University Alumni Association and vice president of Wong Associates, Inc.

The motion was seconded by Admiral Gehman and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

DISCUSSION OF SEARCH COMMITTEE TIMETABLE AND POSITION ADVERTISEMENT

The Rector outlined the process, as follows: appoint search committee; hire consultant; post advertisement; invite nominations; meet with consultant to determine the process; meet with faculty, staff and students to seek their input; screen candidates= credentials; establish a short list of candidates; interview short-listed candidates; select candidate; negotiate contract; announce new president; new president assumes office. Ideally, all of this would take place by July 1. He intends to convene search committee as soon as possible and the committee will elect its chair. He thanked the board members who agreed to serve.

It was emphasized that the search committee=s role is to screen candidates, but it is the Board=s role to select the president. The Bylaws also state that the Board should specify the number of candidates the search committee should present for their consideration. Whereupon, a motion was made by Admiral Gehman that the Board set the requisite number at no less than three candidates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ampy and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

At the Rector=s request, President Runte reported on her efforts at identifying potential consulting firms to assist the Board and the search committee. She contacted five firms, three of which were identified by the American Council on Education as the top three firms specializing in presidential/executive searches. She reviewed the credentials of each of the four firms that submitted a written proposal to her, and recommended two to the Board. It was pointed out that the Board hires the consulting firm and not the search committee. The standard fee for most consulting firms is one-third of the new president=s first year salary.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector recognized Ms. Kirk, who made the following motion, AMr. Rector, I move that this meeting be recessed, and as permitted by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A) (1), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the presidential search committee.@ The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

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The Rector recognized Admiral Gehman, who made the following motion, "I move that Section 4.04 of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors Bylaws be temporarily suspended to permit the establishment of this Presidential Search Committee." The motion was seconded by Mr. Mugler and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

The Rector recognized Mr. Mugler, who made the following motion, "I move that the Executive Committee be given the authority to select the consultant for the presidential search. The motion was seconded by Ms. Croshaw and approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hall and properly seconded, the following resolution was approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (*Ampy, Batten, Croshaw, Gehman, Hall, Kirk, Kornblau, Mugler, Stallings*)

HONORARY DEGREE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors approves the awarding of an honorary degree to the individual noted below. A summary of the nominee's career is on file in the Board of Visitors Office.

1. Harlan Cleveland – diplomat, educator and author
Doctor of Humane Letters (*honoris causa*)

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.