## OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2017

### **MINUTES**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at Noon in the Board Room of Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons. Present from the Committee were:

Carlton F. Bennett, Rector

Yvonne T. Allmond Michael J. Henry Ross A. Mugler Lisa B. Smith Robert M. Tata

Ivan Militar (Student Representative)

Absent from the Committee were: Alton J. Harris

Frank Reidy

Also present from the Board were: Jerri F. Dickseski

Larry R. Hill

Also present were: John R. Broderick, President

Austin Agho

Gregory E. DuBois

Morris Foster Giovanna Genard Elizabeth Kersey

The Hon. Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.

Donna W. Meeks R. Earl Nance Ellen Neufeldt September Sanderlin C. Wood Selig

### CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. Following introductions, he called for the approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 21, 2016. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mugler and seconded by Ms. Allmond, the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present and voting. (Allmond, Dickseski, Henry, Hill, Mugler, Smith, Tata)

#### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector commented on the recent passing of board member and former Rector Fred Whyte, noting that he will be sorely missed by the Old Dominion University and Hampton Roads communities.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Broderick expressed his sadness on Fred Whyte's passing and said his memorial service was well attended. His family has established a scholarship in the Strome College of Business in his name

The University's six-year plan will be presented in Richmond next week. President Broderick reviewed the priorities included in the plan and noted that the overlying theme is achieving 100% base adequacy. The Plan requires Board approval and will be presented in detail at the September meeting.

## **PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS**

The Rector directed the Committee's attention to the proposed revisions to the Board's Bylaws on pages 6 and 7 suggesting the addition of a standing committee on Athletics. Vice Rector Lisa Smith explained that she made this recommendation after hearing a presentation from the former president of the University of Maryland System at the Association of Governing Boards' national conference in April. Governing boards should be aware of what is happening generally in Athletics and understand its role in their institutions' athletics programs in order to avoid a situation similar to what happened at Penn State. Both the Rector and President support the proposal.

President Broderick reiterated Vice Rector Smith's comments and noted that the universities that recently received negative press about their athletics programs had some disconnect between their boards and administration. The size and significance of the athletics operation merits the committee. He and Athletic Director Wood Selig have discussed the structure of the committee and potential topics of interests, such as Title IX and concussion protocol.

The Committee discussed possible options for fitting the new committee into the board meeting schedule. Options included alternating this committee and the University Advancement Committee at the four quarterly meetings so that each meets twice per year, meeting concurrently with, or alternating with, the Audit Committee, making it a committee of the whole, and scheduling it early in the morning on the day of the meetings. Vice Rector Smith suggested that it might be beneficial for the first presentation to be given to the full Board and then move to a regular committee meeting structure. A 30-60 minute overview will be given to the full Board in September.

Proposed revisions to the Bylaws also include moving board elections from the September meeting in even-numbered years to the June meeting. Mr. Tata, Chairman of the Bylaws Review Committee, stated that this will ensure the Board has a rector when the board membership

transitions during the summer months. Under the current Bylaws, there would be a 60-day gap in leadership if the Rector and/or Vice Rector are not reappointed, as was the case this past year.

A motion was made by Mr. Mugler to approve the proposed revisions as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (Allmond, Dickseski, Henry, Hill, Mugler, Smith, Tata)

# **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, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.