

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2020**

MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University met at 12:00 Noon on Monday, October 19, 2020. The meeting was held electronically via the Zoom application pursuant § 4-0.01(g) of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly. Present from the Committee were:

Kay A. Kemper, Rector
Yvonne T. Allmond
R. Bruce Bradley
Robert S. Corn
Unwana B. Dabney
Jerri F. Dickseski
Larry R. Hill
Toykea S. Jones
Lisa B. Smith

Also in attendance from the Board: Ross Mugler
Murry Pitts
Maurice Slaughter
Armistead Williams

Also present were:

John Broderick, President
Austin Agho
Jared Augenstein
Alonzo Brandon
Andy Casiello
Greg DuBois
Thomas Enders
Giovanna Genard
Velvet Grant

Morris Foster
Darrell Kirch
Donna Meeks
Annie Morris
R. Earl Nance
September Sanderlin
Amanda Skaggs
Don Stansberry
Jay Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 18, 2020. Upon a motion made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Ms. Jones, the minutes were approved by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Corn, Dabney, Dickseski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Slaughter, Smith, Williams; Nay: None*). The Rector then called for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 28, 2020. Upon a motion made by Ms. Dickseski and seconded by Ms. Allmond, the minutes were approved by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Corn, Dabney, Dickseski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Slaughter, Smith, Williams; Nay: None*).

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector called on Ms. Dickseski for the Governance Committee report. Ms. Dickseski stated that the Governance Committee is responsible for the Board's annual self-assessment process and the regular review of the Board's Bylaws and policies. The Board's self-assessment process began in late 2019 with the issuance of a self-assessment survey. The results of the survey were to be shared and discussed at the Board's retreat that was canceled due to COVID. These results will be shared with the Governance Committee and then with the full Board at its meeting in December. A new survey will be distributed in January or February of 2021 and the results will be discussed at the Board's retreat in the spring. A third-party will facilitate both discussions in December and at the spring retreat. The Audit & Compliance Committee was briefed on the results of the Board's Governance Audit, which resulted in over 100 recommendations, at its meeting in December 2019. Those recommendations will be shared with the Governance Committee, which will then develop an action plan on the major findings and will present them to the full Board for approval. Action items are in five key areas: (1) Bylaws and policies review cycle, (2) Board self-evaluation, (3) closed session meeting activities, (4) presence of counsel at open and closed meetings, and (5) Board of Visitors budget. The Governance Committee is also responsible for providing input to the Governor's board member appointments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his report to the Committee, President Broderick reported on ODU's fall enrollment statistics, noting that ODU's total undergraduate headcount has increased from 2019 to 2020 by 2.5% whereas, on average, it has decreased by .5% for Virginia's other public four-year colleges and universities. This speaks highly for those who work in Admissions and Financial Aid as well as those who assisted in outreach efforts during the spring and summer months. Decreasing enrollments are also trending on the national level. With enrollments at the community college level experiencing an average 9.9% decrease, the transfer rate to Old Dominion has remained level.

The President shared the House and Senate amendments to the Governor's budget during the General Assembly's special session and the results of the conference report. Included is \$10 M in base funding in 2021 and \$7M in 2022, a competitive pool of CRF funds for COVID-related expenses, and capital funding for the Health Sciences building, planning to construct a new Biology building, and campus-wide stormwater improvements.

In his fundraising report, President Broderick stated that \$186M or 74.41% of the \$250M goal has been raised to date with additional opportunities pending. Even with the COVID delay, we're about a year ahead of the predicted progress due to the hard work of Vice President Brandon.

The Rector compliment the President on these very positive reports. President Broderick also acknowledged Annie Morris and Vice Presidents Foster, Stansberry, Dubois and Sanderlin for their efforts.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Rector called on Ms. Jones, who made the following motion, "Madam Rector, I move that this meeting be convened in closed session, as permitted by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A) (6), (19), and (29) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure, and discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body." The motion was approved by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Corn, Dabney, Dickseski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Slaughter, Smith, Williams; Nay: None*).

In addition to the Board members in attendance, President Broderick, Greg DuBois, Donna Meeks, Earl Nance, Morris Foster, Don Stansberry, September Sanderlin, Alonzo Brandon, Annie Morris, Jared Augenstein, Thomas Enders and Darrell Kirch were present during 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 by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Dickseski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Slaughter, Smith, Williams; Nay: None*).

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Mr. Bradley reported that the search process is on schedule. The Search Committee will meet in November to receive a status report on the applicant pool and a four-hour meeting will be held in December to choose the top eight to ten candidates. A two-day meeting will be held in January to

choose the three finalists for on-campus interviews in late February that will include participation by the full Board, with the goal of the Board making its decision during the first quarter of 2021.

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