# OLD DOMINON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee Thursday, April 26, 2018

#### **MINUTES**

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 11:25 a.m. in Room 2203 in the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Alton J. Harris, Chair
Donna L. Scassera, Vice Chair
Carlton F. Bennett (ex officio)
Lisa Smith (ex officio)
Yvonne T. Allmond
R. Bruce Bradley
Robert S. Corn
Kay A. Kemper
Robert M. Tata
Linda Miller-Dunleavy (Faculty Representative)

Ivan Militar (Student Representative)

# Also present were:

John Broderick Ellen Neufeldt **John Cawley** Brian Payne Iane Dane' September Sanderlin Traci Daniels Don Stansberry Giovanna Genard Rusty Waterfield Rhonda Harris Wendy White **James Wright** Scott Harrison Johnny Young La Wanza Lett-Brewington

Jay Harris called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

### I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 MINUTES

Yvonne Allmond moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting and Robert Tata seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

#### II. SELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2018-19

A motion was made by Donna Scassera and seconded by Bruce Bradley that the meeting be recessed and, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter; specifically, the consideration of individuals for appointment as student representative to the Board of Visitors, student

representative to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Student Advisory Committee, and appointment of a student to serve on the Student Engagement & Enrollment Services Student Leadership Council. The motion was unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

Reconvening in open session, all committee members present agreed by voice vote that only lawfully exempted matters and specifically only the business matter stated in the motion convening the closed session were discussed in closed session.

Motion was made by Donna Scassera and seconded by Robert Corn to recommend the Board of Visitors appoint Rafia Haq as student representative to the Board of Visitors, Rawn Bouldon as student representative to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Student Advisory Council, and Andrea Brzoska to serve on the Student Engagement & Enrollment Services Leadership Council. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

# III. REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Dr. Ellen Neufeldt updated the committee on support and retention efforts for our military students, reporting that the Military Connection Center recently moved into Monarch Hall, with larger administrative office space to assist veterans, active duty, and family members. Specialized career services offered to our student veterans include a Veterans Affairs workstudy student acting as a career consultant translating resumes from military to corporate language. At career fairs, student veteran nametags are designated with stars related to their branch of the military and employers wear nametags with a "veteran" ribbon. We offer an orientation specifically designed to assist veterans, active duty, and military-affiliated students in their transition to civilian life and to ODU through our Military Transition to ODU Program. Beginning fall 2018, ODU will offer the maximum undergraduate tuition rate permitted for the Tuition Assistance program offered by the government for active duty personnel.

#### IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ivan Militar, student representative to the Board, expressed his gratitude to the Board for allowing him the opportunity to represent the student body during the past year, to learn from them and to become a better leader through his service. Ivan concluded his report with a video honoring President and Mrs. Broderick's 10 years' of service.

#### V. SECURITY UPDATE

Chief Harris reported that crime is down for the first quarter of the year (January-March).

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.