

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee
Thursday, June 8, 2017**

MINUTES

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, June 8, at 10:45 a.m. in Room 2203 in the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Lisa Smith (ex officio)
Yvonne Allmond
R. Bruce Bradley
Kay Kemper
Robert Tata
Ivan Militar (Student Representative)

Also present were:

Austin Agho	Elizabeth Kersey
John Broderick	Ellen Neufeldt
John Cawley	Wood Selig
Jane Dane'	Don Stansberry
Rhonda Harris	James Wright
Scott Harrison	Johnny Young

Yvonne Allmond called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 27, 2017 MINUTES

Bruce Bradley moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting and Robert Tata seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

II. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & ENROLLMENT SERVICES REPORT

Dr. Ellen Neufeldt reported on summer student success programs for first-year students, explaining that if students come on campus early and get engaged, we see on average 5 percentage points higher for the group who participated in summer programs. These programs provide small groups for the students, creates faculty and staff connections, and encourages students to reconfirm their decision to attend ODU. First-year programs being offered this summer include:

- Summer bridge program, a new program being offered that targets in-state students who are financially at risk. The summer bridge program brings the parents to campus as well, offering them financial literacy education and the value of finishing in 4 years. Students live on campus during the program, and earn six credits I combination of

literature, communication or sociology classes. Additionally, the bridge program connects peers, mentors and resident assistants for an early sense of belonging.

- Freshman Summer Institute is a leadership institute being offered in July-August this summer. This is a 3-day intensive leadership program for incoming students and provides a jump start to becoming acclimated to campus. Five sessions are scheduled, with a specific focus for each session, including wellness, global, women in leadership, first-generation students, and service (2 sessions offered to out-of-state students).
- First-Year Experience Abroad in Greece offers first-year students the opportunity to connect with faculty and other first-year students while studying in Greece. Students will earn 7 credits in philosophy and oceanography.
- Service-Learning integrates community service with learning. Approximately 200 incoming students participate each year in a 2-day community service project. This program promotes civic engagement, connection to our surrounding communities, and connection to ODU and each other as an incoming class of their first day as Monarch Citizens.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ivan Militar, student representative to the Board, familiarized the committee with his background: he is an international student, coming to ODU as a student-athlete from Hungary, leading the soccer team as its captain in 2015. He completed his undergraduate degree in sports medicine and psychology, received a master of science in education, and is currently working on his doctorate degree in educational leadership. He assisted in the creation of the ODU Student Inclusive Excellence Advisory Board and served as the graduate student advisor, is currently vice president of the International Student Advisory Board, and was awarded the International Student Leadership Award. As student representative to the Board of Visitors, Ivan brings the student-athlete perspective to the table.

Ivan reported on two spring events that help unite the campus. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is held annually at ODU in conjunction with Women's History Month in March, to raise awareness about violence against women. More than 15 student organizations and 400 faculty and students participated in this event. Unity Fest celebrates ODU's tradition of diversity and inclusion. Unity Fest brings together student groups and the student body to celebrate Monarch culture. This year, 95 student organizations as well as the ODU Police Department; football team; and women's and men's basketball teams partnered with the Office of Intercultural Relations to host the event. More than 1,500 faculty, staff, and students attended this event.

IV. Security Update

Chief Harris reviewed the crime total comparisons for 2013-17, reporting that ODU's statistics are in line with universities across the state. She noted an overall decrease in crimes on campus. ODU is required to issue a timely warning when a crime has occurred on campus and Chief Harris reviewed the requirements for issuing such a warning. The

decrease in motor vehicle (golf cart) thefts is due to a new lock mechanism being installed on the golf carts. The Green Dot program has been very effective in decreasing crimes on campus. Chief Harris reviewed the jurisdiction of the University Police Department, reporting that ODU PD responds to crimes near ODU and refers those to Norfolk PD.

V. Athletic Update

Dr. Wood Selig, Athletic Director, provided an overview of our current athletic conference alignment for each of the 16 ODU intercollegiate programs. ODU competes in 16 NCAA intercollegiate sports in the Conference USA league: football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, swimming, diving, baseball, field hockey, women's lacrosse, wrestling, and women's rowing. ODU joined Conference USA in 2013, joining Marshall, ECU, UTEP, UTSA, UNC-Charlotte, Middle Tennessee, UAB, Louisiana Tech, Rice, Tulsa, North Texas, Tulsa, Southern Miss, Florida Atlantic and Florida International. Since joining the Conference USA, Tulsa, Tulane and ECU left the C-USA, and Western Kentucky has joined the conference.

ODU competes in 11 sports in the conference: football (ODU is tied for first place); men's basketball (3rd place); women's basketball (6th place); men's soccer (7th place); women's soccer (8th place); men's golf (12th place); women's golf (conference champs); men's tennis (2nd place); women's tennis (4th place); women's swimming and diving (5th place); and baseball (2nd place). Our field hockey team, which competes in the Big East Conference, has a 1-4 conference record (7-10 overall record). ODU will be hosting the 2020 national field hockey championship. Our wrestling team competes in the Mid-American Conference and is nationally ranked 26th (3-5 conference record; 4-9 overall record). Women's lacrosse has competed in the Atlantic Sun Conference since last year, with a conference record this year of 5-5, and an overall 9-9 record. Women's rowing placed 7th in the Big 12 Conference.

Dr. Selig highlighted some of our student-athlete leadership and career development accomplishments, including Sam Perelman, men's tennis and current C-USA Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) President, was appointed to the 2017-18 NCAA Division I National SAAC committee. Fifty ODU student-athletes actively participate in SAAC and have been officially recognized as a Student Group on campus. All SAAC members completed the Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training. Erin Kinz, women's soccer athlete, was 1 of 200 student-athletes selected to participate in NCAA Career in Sports Forum, a 4-day event designed to assist student athletes in charting their career paths in the field of athletics.

Dr. Selig provided a quick overview of incoming women's basketball coach Nikki McCray: 2-time NCAA All-American, 2-time Olympic gold medalist, and assistant coach at the University of South Carolina, 2017 NCAA Champions.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.