

**OLD DOMINON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee
Thursday, September 22, 2016**

MINUTES

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, September 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the York/Potomac River Rooms of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Lisa B. Smith, Chair
Richard Cheng, Vice Chair
Yvonne T. Allmond
Carlton F. Bennett
R. Bruce Bradley
Alton Harris
Kay Kemper
Donna L. Scassera
Robert M. Tata
Fred J. Whyte
Petra Szonyegi (Student Representative)

Also present were:

Austin Agho	La Wanza Lett-Brewington
Daphne Allen	Ellen Neufeldt
John Broderick	Brian Payne
John Cawley	September Sanderlin
Rachael Edmonds	Wood Selig
Rhonda Harris	James Wright
Scott Harrison	Bo Yi
Elizabeth Kersey	Johnny Young

Lisa Smith called the session to order at 10:30 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 9, 2016 MINUTES

Yvonne Almond moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting and Kay Kemper seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

II. REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Dr. Ellen Neufeldt reported that the Student Enhancement and Engagement committee focuses on the students of ODU and how they are succeeding. Measures of student success, matters of well-being and safety, and athletic academic progress will be discussed at these committee meetings. She noted fall enrollment was close to 24,400, with approximately 6,100 new students. She reviewed prevention education, which encourages students to make good choices, and includes sexual violence prevention/Campus SaVE Act, bystander intervention, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, healthy lifestyle, adjustment to college life, and responsible behavior. She reviewed ODU Cares, the university-wide system of care and support for students who experience an unexpected crisis, and the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA).

Rachael Edmonds, SGA president, invited all committee members to attend the naming and dedication of the new Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons tomorrow at 4 pm, explaining that because President Broderick encouraged ODU students to express their opinions and provided a supportive climate, they wanted to do something special for President and First Lady Broderick. Different ideas were discussed before deciding on naming the dining commons.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Petra Szonyegi introduced 4 student guest speakers who presented on diversity and inclusion activities at ODU. Daphne Allen reported on Week of Welcome (WOW), August 26-September 3. She explained that WOW is the first impression of ODU by our freshmen students and, as coordinator, she began the preparations in early spring. Thirty WOW events were scheduled during the week and included a beach bash, involvement fair, convocation, spirit rally, Rec Fest, move-in day, ice cream & cake social, LGBTQ meet-and-greet.

Rachael Edmonds described the history of the 10DU campaign, with a mission to promote diversity, inclusivity and unity among students, faculty, staff, and administration. A student-led advisory board was launched in October last year, composed of 3 chairs, 2 advisors, and 2 representatives from 21 student organizations across campus. Meetings were held regularly to discuss the issues of race, culture, diversity, inclusion and recommendations were made to administration.

Matthew Thomas and Roy Bernard presented on ODUnited, describing its evolution from a panel discussion in the fall of 2015 with students from different racial backgrounds, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and other identifiers to a student-led initiative that focuses on empowering students while bridging different cultures, religions, abilities, sexual orientation and beliefs. An ODUnited Town Hall is being held on September 28 to provide an opportunity for students to express themselves in a safe environment. A Town Hall with Administration is also being planned, which will allow students to talk to administration in a safe place. ODUnited workshops will be offered, wherein all groups at ODU can learn about each other and to teach one another. A cultural calendar is being

developed that will allow student organizations to share their events and the dates that are important to their identity.

IV. SECURITY UPDATE

Chief Rhonda Harris presented information on the University's crime statistics from 2013 through 2015, noting a downward trend, and a snapshot of 2016 year-to-date. She reviewed the concurrent jurisdiction with the Norfolk Police Department, explaining that ODUPD responds to and investigates alleged criminal offenses on property owned or leased by ODU and has entered into various mutual aid agreements to obtain assistance from and provide assistance to local police departments. As required by the Clery Act, ODU prepares the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, which contains information on safety and security policies, procedures, safety programs and resources available at ODU and provides statistics for crimes that are reported to the university police and security, and includes fire safety information for all University-owned residence halls. Discussion followed.

V. ATHLETIC UPDATE

Dr. Wood Selig, Athletic Director, provided Academic Progress Reports (APR) on our student athletes, explaining that APR is calculated by averaging a sport program's eligibility and retention points for the last 4 years. Each sport must maintain or exceed the minimum standard of 930. All our men's and women's programs exceeded APR standards for post-season eligibility, with 6 of the 8 women's programs in 2014-15 academic year reaching a perfect score of 1,000. In fall 2015, 161 student athletes out of 494 earned Dean's List Honors, 21 earned 4.0 semester GPA, and 280 earned a 3.0 or higher semester GPA. Of the 456 student athletes Spring 2016 semester, 155 earned Dean's List Honors, 257 earned a 3.0 GPA or higher, and 25 earned a 4.0 GPA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.