

**OLD DOMINON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee
Thursday, September 24, 2015**

MINUTES

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the River Rooms of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Lisa Smith, Chair
Richard Cheng, Vice Chair
Ronald C. Ripley (*ex-officio*)
Yvonne Allmond
Carlton Bennett
Donna Scassera
Alton Harris
Robert Tata
Fred Whyte
Linda Miller-Dunleavy (Faculty Representative)
Charles Chiou (Student Representative)

Also present were:

David Bernd	La Wanza Lett-Brewington
Judy Bowman	Earl Nance
Jane Dane'	Chris Ndiritu
Traci Daniels	Ellen Neufeldt
Chandra de Silva	September Sanderlin
Christopher Fleming	Wood Selig
Bret Folger	Don Stansberry
Rhonda Harris	Deb Swiecinski
Scott Harrison	Rusty Waterfield
Elizabeth Kersey	Johnny Young
Arielle Lang	

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2015 MINUTES

Fred Whyte moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting and Alton Harris 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, Vice President for Student Engagement & Enrollment Services, 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 athletics will be discussed at these committee meetings. This committee recommends the student representative to the Board of Visitors and this representative makes a report at each of the committee meetings. The committee also approves changes to the code of conduct for students.

Dr. Neufeldt reviewed enrollment statistics for Fall 2015, reporting that the freshman class was ODU's largest, with 2,965; transfers and second degree students totaled 2,244; and 1,093 graduate students enrolled this fall as of that date. Total headcount as of September 9 was 24,672. Of the 2014 freshman class, 82% returned this fall - the largest retention rate in the history of ODU. Data on our freshman students is gathered to focus programs for those students who are at risk. The prevention education programs offered to ODU students were reviewed.

All freshmen at ODU go through a whole array of education focusing on sexual violence prevention, bystander intervention, alcohol/drug abuse prevention, healthy lifestyle, adjustment to college life, and responsible behavior. Violence prevention efforts at ODU include ombudsperson services, the Women's Center, Counseling Services, Student Health Center, and partnering with community resources (YWCA). In addition, the Student Government Association implemented a campaign in April, Monarchs Rising Up, encouraging students to adopt the attitude of, "if you see something, say something," in order to combat sexual violence. A short video, "Monarch Keepers," a component of Monarchs Rising Up, was presented at this time.

ODU Cares provides a university-wide system of care and support for students who experience an unexpected crisis, and it comprises the Care Team, Student Ombudsperson Services, and Case Management. Students who have experienced difficulty or a crisis are assigned to the case manager, who works individually with the student to get them back on track and into classes. The case manager works in collaboration with Counseling Services to ensure the student is able to return to class.

Dr. Neufeldt explained that the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the confidentiality of student records, which include student grades, health records and student conduct. This information cannot be shared unless the student gives the university permission to do so. The university can divulge that a student is attending ODU. The university is developing a waiver that students can sign which indicates those relatives who can have access to specific student records. The registrar oversees FERPA compliance. Brief discussion followed.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Charles Chiou, student representative to the Board, reported on the Monarch Citizenship campaign and highlighted students' achievements and events within the three pillars of responsibility, engagement, and pride and reported that there are more than 350 student organizations for students take pride in. Every Friday students, as well as faculty and staff,

are encouraged to wear blue and silver. The ODU Student Representative to the Board of Visitors Facebook page is gaining increasing acknowledgement and serves as a dialogue for students to reach out to their student representative. Charles reported that he is personally engaging with the student body through Listening Tours, exploring the diversity of ODU in person. Chris Ndiritu and Bret Folger, SGA President and Vice President, presented a video on the Monarchs Rising Up campaign.

IV. SECURITY UPDATE

Chief Rhonda Harris reviewed the functions of the ODU Public Safety division, explaining that it is a collaborative effort involving areas of Emergency Management, Environmental Health and Safety, Police Department, Risk Management, and Security Technology Services. The Old Dominion University Police Department is a full-service, state-certified police agency committed to providing professional police and safety services to members of the university community and to residents of the concurrent patrol area adjacent to campus. Officers are responsible for a multitude of safety, security and policing responsibilities including; educational programming, documenting incidents, assisting victims, investigative actions, and providing courtroom testimony.

The Old Dominion University Threat Education, Assessment and Management Team (TEAM), is a cross-functional, multidisciplinary group that is responsible for evaluating and managing the risks associated with certain behaviors that may pose a threat to the University community's safety.

Old Dominion University's Crisis and Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) includes information about Emergency Operations Teams, University declarations of emergency, incident priorities and performance expectations, shelter-in-place and evacuation guidelines, and local contingency and continuity planning requirements. University departments are responsible for developing contingency plans and continuity of operations plans for their staff and areas of responsibility. The University conducts numerous emergency response exercises each year, such as table top exercises, field exercises, and tests of the emergency notification systems on campus. These tests are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans.

Old Dominion University has made a serious commitment to fire safety. The University has a full-time Fire Protection Inspector in the Office of Risk Management dedicated to fire safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors. ODU works closely with the Municipal Fire Departments and the Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office, to meet or exceed applicable local and state code requirements.

The Environmental Health & Safety Office is responsible for the administration of programs that promote a safe and healthful environment for the University community. This is accomplished through prudent application of sound environmental and occupational safety and health practices.

The Office of Risk Management is responsible for developing and implementing effective risk management, insurance, and loss control initiatives that serve to prevent or mitigate losses that may affect the University's physical and financial assets.

Security Technology Services is an integral part of public safety, committed to service delivery and support of the university mission through innovative uses of security technology.

Social media is part of a holistic communications approach which allows public safety to engage and converse with the community and share information. This approach enhances the community policing philosophy of building community partnerships in order to address public safety issues and concerns.

IV. Athletic Update

Dr. Wood Selig, Athletic Director, provided Academic Progress Reports on our student athletes during the 2013-14 academic year, explaining that Academic Progress Reports measure retention of student athletes who are receiving athletic scholarships and their eligibility to play. The minimum APR standard set by the NCAA is 930. All of ODU's men's and women's programs exceeded APR standards for post-season eligibility. Three men's and 3 women's sports had perfect scores of 1,000. Cumulative GPA of our 452 spring 2014 student-athletes was 3.07; 22 earned a 4.0 semester GPA; and 140 earned Dean's List Honors.

A video about sportsmanship developed by Conference USA with the help of C-USA coaches, including Coach Wilder, was shown. Dr. Wood reported that sportsmanship is taken very seriously at ODU and this video is shown every Saturday in the football stadium.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.