

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee  
Thursday, December 3, 2015**

**MINUTES**

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, December 3, 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  
Yvonne Allmond  
Carlton Bennett  
Alton Harris  
Donna Scassera  
Robert Tata  
Linda Miller-Dunleavy (Faculty Representative)  
Charles Chiou (Student Representative)

Also present were:

David Bernd	Elizabeth Kersey
John Broderick	Rodin Ndandula
Darcy Cheesman	Chris Ndiritu
Jane Dane'	Ellen Neufeldt
Traci Daniels	September Sanderlin
Chandra de Silva	Stephanie Sanders
Rachael Edmonds	Wood Selig
Bret Folger	Don Stansberry
Rhonda Harris	Laura Ulmer
Scott Harrison	James Wright
Kenzel Hill	Johnny Young

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

**I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 MINUTES**

Carlton Bennett moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting and Yvonne Allmond seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

## **II. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD OF VISITORS POLICY 1530, THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Ellen Neufeldt reviewed the proposed revisions to BOV Policy 1530 The Student Code of Conduct to comply with Section 23-2.5 of The Code of Virginia, which states: *The board of visitors or other governing board of each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall establish policies for the discipline of students who participate in varsity intercollegiate athletics. Such policies shall include a provision requiring an annual report by the administration of the institution to the board of visitors or other governing board regarding enforcement actions taken pursuant to such policies.*

Discussion followed. Motion was made by Robert Tata that the following language be inserted into BOV Policy 1530: ***The University shall comply with Virginia Code 23-2.5 regarding student athletes including reporting procedures.*** Seconded by Carlton Bennett, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President for Student Engagement and Enrollment Services, reported that our freshman retention rate, 82%, is the highest in the university's history. Its six-year graduation rate, 53%, is also the highest in its history. Total degrees conferred in 2014-15 (5,232) is the highest rate in its history as well. To comply with state law recently enacted, ODU will begin posting notices on the transcripts of those students who have been suspended, dismissed or have withdrawn from ODU while under investigation for an offense involving sexual violence. The notation is removed if the student is cleared of the allegation. Dr. Neufeldt reported that ODU is making its campus more gender-inclusive, to include the labeling of restrooms and providing housing accommodations. Dr. Neufeldt reported that events occurring world-wide and across our country, such as Mizzou, affect our campus as well, and efforts are being taken to ensure our campus is welcoming to all students. While activism is being seen on college campuses across the country, our students are showing it in positive ways, including through conversations on inclusion and vigils for the victims in Paris, Beirut, Kenya and others around the world. Brief discussion followed.

## **IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Charles Chiou, Student Representative, reported on fall events on campus. On the national issues of inclusion and diversity, Rachael Edmonds, Student Government Association's Director for Legislative Affairs and Diversity, presented on the Student Inclusive Excellence Advisory Board. This student-led advisory board will address issues by implementing initiatives of the student body and will encourage meaningful engagement among the student population through mutual support and communication. The Student Inclusive Excellence Advisory Board is composed of 3 chairs (SGA President, Chris Ndiritu; SGA Vice President, Brett Folger; and SGA Director of Legislative Affairs and Diversity, Rachael Edmonds), and 2 representatives from student organizations, including African Student Association, Asian Pacific American Student Union, Filipino American Student Association, International Student Advisory Board, ODU NAACP, Student Veterans Association, Vietnamese Student Association, and YoungLife,

to name a few. Advisors to this Advisory Board are Dr. Johnny Young, Associate Vice President of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services; and Dr. Stephanie Sanders, Director for Diversity Initiatives. Charles reported on the qualities of student resources, specifically on student Residential Advisors holding diverse responsibilities. Charles introduced Darcy Cheesman, Graduate Assistant, who spoke about academic support services that are available to students, such as free tutors and supplemental instruction.

**V. SECURITY UPDATE**

Chief Rhonda Harris reviewed crime data statistics, reporting on a downward trend in crime on campus thus far in 2015 compared to 2014. She pointed out that the statistics for domestic violence, stalking and dating violence were included in the crime data beginning in fall 2014. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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