

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee
Thursday, December 8, 2016**

MINUTES

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in the River Rooms of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Alton J. Harris, Chair
Richard Cheng, Vice Chair
Carlton F. Bennett (*ex officio*)
Lisa B. Smith (*ex officio*)
Yvonne T. Allmond
R. Bruce Bradley
Kay Kemper
Robert M. Tata
Fred J. Whyte
Linda Miller-Dunleavy (Faculty Representative)
Petra Szonyegi (Student Representative)

Also present were:

Austin Agho	Khari Murphy
John Broderick	Ellen Neufeldt
Jane Dane'	September Sanderlin
Emily Eddins	Don Stansberry
Rhonda Harris	Wood Selig
Scott Harrison	Lorenza West
Elizabeth Kersey	Johnny Young

Jay Harris called the session to order at 10:30 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 MINUTES

Yvonne Almond moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting and Fred Whyte 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, at the request of Secretary of Education Dietra Trent that all public universities focus on improving student success especially as it pertains to graduation rates, ODU determined it would focus on its African American and Latino males.

Nationwide, male students underperform on retention and graduation rates compared to their female counterparts. Brother 2 Brother is a national program that focuses on the success of these students, and a chapter is being established at ODU. Dr. Johnny Young presented an overview of Brother 2 Brother, explaining that it was established in 1990 at Georgia Southern University and has grown to more than 250 chapters nationwide in 39 states. Brother 2 Brother uses a specialized culturally-sensitive programming model to build the aspirations of young men via peer cohort and role model approach. The ODU chapter will be guided by a steering committee comprised of carefully selected students (including some from SGA, Greek organizations, and 10DU) and faculty/staff, including Dean of Students, Dr. Don Stansberry. A student executive committee has been formed and a strategic plan is being developed. Recruiting and marketing is underway.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Petra Szonyegi introduced four guest speakers who presented on the topic of community building. Dr. Emily Eddins provided an overview of the Alternative Spring Break Program, a student-led intensive experiential learning program, through which students have been building communities in service locally as well as out of state, working with a variety of social issues. Ms. Szonyegi then presented on the topic of academic communities, with guest speaker Dr. Don Stansberry and student guest speakers Lorenza West and Khari Murphy, who introduced to the committee members the Learning Community as well as the Living and Learning Community Peer Mentor Programs.

Ms. Szonyegi then shared student opinion surveys and social media posts of students with regards to their satisfaction with the Broderick Dining Commons since its opening.

IV. SECURITY UPDATE

Chief Rhonda Harris presented information on the University's crime statistics from 2013 through October 2016, noting the downward trend, and reviewed requirements for issuing timely warnings of crime alerts.

V. ATHLETIC UPDATE

Dr. Wood Selig, Athletic Director, provided Academic Progress Reports (APR) on our student athletes, reporting all our men's and women's programs exceeded APR standards for post-season eligibility. He noted that the NCAA graduation success rates show student-athletes are graduating at their highest rates, from 74% in 2005 to 86% in 2016.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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