

**OLD DOMINON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee  
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

**MINUTES**

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, September 22, at 10:45 a.m. in Room 2203 in the Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Alton J. Harris, Chair  
Donna L. Scassera, Vice Chair  
Carlton F. Bennett (ex-officio)  
Lisa B. Smith (ex-officio)  
Yvonne T. Allmond  
R. Bruce Bradley  
Kay A. Kemper  
Maurice D. Slaughter  
Robert M. Tata  
Linda Miller-Dunleavy (Faculty Representative)  
Ivan Militar (Student Representative)

Also present were:

Austin Agho	Donna Meeks
Lucia Ball	Ellen Neufeldt
John Cawley	September Sanderlin
Jane Dane'	Wood Selig
Gregory DuBois	Deb Swicienski
Rhonda Harris	James Wright
Scott Harrison	Johnny Young
Elizabeth Kersey	

Jay Harris called the session to order at 10:45 a.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2017 MINUTES**

Kay Kemper moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting and Maurice Slaughter 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 and Enrollment Services, discussed new student enrollment totaling over 6,200 new students at ODU, and one of the largest freshmen classes in the history of ODU. She provided an update on the New Webb Center, reporting that in consultation with students and President Broderick, 17 focus groups and 3,000 students, students indicated they wanted more space on the first floor where they could engage around identity and interests. As a result, the Office of Intercultural Relations is being moved downstairs next to the Office of Leadership and Student Involvement.

Dr. Neufeldt discussed ODU's free speech policies and activities, as described in its demonstration policy, explaining that ODU is an institution that supports free speech, as provided in the First Amendment to the Constitution; however, campus safety comes first and ODU stands against any speech that is fueled by fear or hate and demeans or degrades any individual or group. Such speech cannot be limited or banned from campus unless it interferes with the safety of any targeted individual and/or our campus community. The University demonstrations policy identifies specific instances of speech that are also prohibited by law.

Dr. Stansberry, Dean of Students, reviewed the conduct statistics for our student athletes, in compliance with Code of Virginia Section 23.1-1303, reporting none of ODU's student athletes have major offenses.

## **III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Ivan Militar, student representative to the Board, reported on Week of Welcome events. Freshmen participating in Freshman Service Experience and students from Living-Learning communities have the opportunity to move in ahead of other students. Freshmen move-in was Friday and included a spirit rally attended by 3,000 students and parents. Transfer Tuesday, with activities specifically to engage transfer students, was held Tuesday on Kaufman Mall; involvement fair on Thursday, also on Kaufman Mall, introduces students to 350 student organizations. Week of Welcome concluded on Saturday with the Albany football game at 6 pm.

Ivan reported on the commUNITY forum that was held on September 7, that provided students a safe place to express their feelings in a respectful and civil way; and he reported on upcoming events, including keynote reception with Dr. Dorothy Edwards, founder of the Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy, and the New Education Building Dedication and Open House.

## **IV. SECURITY UPDATE**

Chief Harris provided the second quarter update of the campus crime statistics reportable to the US Department of Education as required by the Clery Act. Comparison numbers from the previous 4 years were also included.

**V. ATHLETIC UPDATE**

Dr. Wood Selig, Athletic Director, provided Academic Progress Reports on our student athletes. All our men's and women's programs met or exceeded APR standards for post-season eligibility. He reviewed the top academic majors of our junior and senior athletes and reported that 13 of our teams achieved 3.0 GPA in Spring 2017 semester. Our football team won its first-ever bowl game over Eastern Michigan in the Bahamas Bowl and tied WKU for first place in the C-USA East.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.