

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee  
Thursday, June 2, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University was held on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room A of the Broderick Dining Commons on the main campus of Old Dominion University. Present from the committee were:

Robert Corn, Chair  
Robert Broermann, Vice Chair  
Yvonne Allmond  
R. Bruce Bradley (*ex officio*)  
Ross Mugler  
Armistead D. Williams, Jr.  
Antra Patel (Student Representative)

Also present were:

Bruce Aird	September Sanderlin
Alonzo Brandon	Don Stansberry
Zaria Gassaway	Coulson Thomas
Teressa Murrell	Bo Ram Yi
Carmen Portillo Fuentes	Nicola Ziady

Chairman Robert Corn called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE April 21, 2022 MINUTES**

Ross Mugler moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting. Robert Broermann seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

**APPROVAL OF THE STUDENT ENHANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

Ross Mugler moved to approve the Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee Charter for recommendation to the Governance Committee. Armistead Williams, Jr. seconded the motion. The charter was unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

**REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES**

Dr. Don Stansberry, Vice President for Student Engagement and Enrollment Services introduced the 2022-2023 SGA President, Zaria Gassaway, and Vice President, Carmen Portillo Fuentes.

Zaria and Carmen gave an overview of their goals for the 2022-2023 academic year. Their first goal is to increase student pride and engagement through pictures and an increased sense of belonging on-campus. Their second goal is to create a more diverse and inclusive campus, to include a Non-Panhellenic Council Plaza and monthly Monarch Showcases featuring populations such as the military, off-campus community, and online community. Lastly, they will improve the Monarch Experience for students by increasing safety across campus and creating better connections amongst faculty and students.

Dr. Stansberry updated the committee on recruitments within the Student Engagement and Enrollment Services Division. Completed searches have resulted in the hiring of a new Director for Counseling Services, a Director for Career Development Services, a First Star Academy Director, and a Director for the Women Gender and Equity Center. The First Star Academy Director will work closely with our foster care youth and students, helping them connect with various resources on and off campus to encourage and support their progression through college. The position will be funded through foundation dollars. A search for the Executive Director for Student Engagement & Traditions and the Director for Educational Accessibility are open and under recruitment. Dr. Stansberry gave a brief fall update to include plans for residence hall move-in, COVID-19, and the Monarch Experience. Move-in will be completed by appointment, which will help create a relaxed experience for students, with a schedule of events each day of move-in. The University will continue to monitor COVID-19 and make any updates to operations as needed. Most students are enrolled in online courses for the summer semester, so no changes to COVID-19 operations were made. The Division will continue to expand the Monarch Experience for the fall semester, encouraging students to take advantage of learning programs and stressing the importance of them.

Coulson Thomas, Director for Recreation & Wellness shared wellbeing updates. He provided an update on the new building addition to the Student Recreation Center, which will house the offices of Student Health Services, Counseling Services, and Health Promotions. Construction broke ground two weeks ago and the project should take sixteen months to complete. The addition is in a centralized location on campus, at the hub of where students are living. It will offer classroom space and improved wellness amenities, such as a space for massage chairs, workshops, and wellness programming. Coulson shared results from the ODU National College Health Assessment. The assessment was administered in the fall of 2021 and was sent to over 10,000 undergraduate students at ODU and resulted in a 7% response rate. The assessment helps to better understand the mental health climate of our students and how they perceive their overall wellness. Overall, 82% of ODU students surveyed perceived their health as good, very good, or excellent, compared to 87% of students from the reference group. The Wellbeing Collective, an initiative to identify and collectively work with stakeholders on campus to identify a strategy to effectively provide support and resources to ODU students on managing their

wellbeing was reviewed. The team will consider the use of technology, such as wellbeing apps, to provide wellness support to students as part of the initiative.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Antra Patel, student representative to the Board, introduced herself to the committee and gave a background on her time at Old Dominion University. She is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and is on a pre-medical track. Antra shared her goals for the 2022-2023 year. Her first goal is to increase student engagement by spreading awareness of student leadership opportunities on campus, helping students discover ways to get involved on campus, and encouraging students to start new organizations. Her second goal is to increase student engagement through social media and connections with the student body and faculty. She will focus her reach to students through Instagram and involvement in clubs and organizations at ODU. Antra will also focus on the ODU Food Pantry Drive to address food insecurities amongst ODU students.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.