

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, May 17, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University met at 12:00 Noon on Monday, May 17, 2021. The meeting was held electronically via the Zoom application pursuant § 4-0.01(g) of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly. Present from the Committee:

Kay A. Kemper, Rector  
Yvonne T. Allmond  
R. Bruce Bradley  
Robert S. Corn  
Unwanna B. Dabney

The Rector reminded board members of their requirement to take the online Conflict of Interest training. So far, only three members have taken the training to date. Participation by the Board in this training is important as well in order for the University to meet reaccreditation requirements.

The Rector asked Earl Nance and Donna Meeks to discuss the legal requirements and plans for Board meetings after June 30 when the Governor's emergency order will be lifted. Mr. Nance confirmed that the Board may continue to meet electronically until then but has the discretion to meet in person if desired. Ms. Meeks added that some board members have expressed an interest in meeting in person, so the preliminary plan for the June meeting is for the committees to meet via Zoom and the full Board meeting to be held in person at the Broderick Dining Commons. Additionally, given the feedback received from the Board's self-assessment survey in December, two-day meetings (Thursday/Friday) have been scheduled for the 2021-2022 academic year beginning in September. If there is still any discomfort with the committee meetings being held in the smaller committee rooms in the Broderick Dining Commons, they could be held in the larger Board Room as long as no two meetings are held concurrently. Another possible meeting location is the Priority Auto Club at the football stadium. No decisions need to be made for the September meeting and beyond, but plans will need to be finalized for the June meeting.

Following a brief discussion, where it was noted that the June Board meeting would be President Broderick's last meeting with the Board, the Governor is expected to lift capacity limitations for in-person events on May 28, President Broderick noted his comfort with meeting in person, luncheon participants would be limited, and Board members would be given the option to meet in person or via Zoom, the decision was made to proceed with Zoom committee meetings on June 16 and hybrid meetings on June 17.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In his report to the Committee, President Broderick provided an update on the eight graduation ceremonies that were recently held. One was held virtually, in which Rector Kemper participated and Senator Mark Warner spoke and included 6,200 views from students and family members. The remaining seven began on Thursday morning and ended on Saturday afternoon and were held at the football stadium. In total, about 4,000 students participated. The first two ceremonies were for the 2020 graduates and had about 1,200 attendees. The remaining five ceremonies had about 3,000 participants. With each graduate receiving five guest tickets, that meant close to 20,000 family members were able to participate. He thanked Provost Agho and Vice President Stansberry for participating alongside him in each of the ceremonies, and congratulated Karen Meier and her staff and Mike Fryling from Global Spectrum for a job well done. Because of competing athletic events, special ceremonies were held for members of the women's tennis and the men's baseball teams.

President Broderick noted how well the Owens House opening went and said that Cecelia Tucker wrote an opinion piece about the significance of the opening. Another article is expected to come out soon. The Mayor and City Manager attended the Chemistry Building opening and toured the facility, and now members of City Council would like to tour the building as well. This is a great way to showcase ODU's efforts in STEM-H. As students, faculty and staff return to the campus, they will be impressed with these new facilities.

## **HAMPTON ROADS BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM PRESENTATION**

President Broderick introduced Kevin Leslie, Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Biomedical Consortium, for an ov

of Health and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management on vaccine vulnerability that aided in vaccine distribution.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

The Rector called on Ms. Jones, who made the following motion, “Madam Rector, I move that this meeting be convened in closed session, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)