

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 17, 2014**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Monday,

challenges that Old Dominion University faces will be an important issue for the Board in the months ahead.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### Strategic Plan Update

President Broderick reminded the Committee that the Board approved the five goals of the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan at its meeting in September with the understanding that the strategies would need to be refined, following additional dialogue with the campus, as the result of the loss of

brief the Committee on the changes that were made as a result of those discussions.

*Goal 1 Objective 1*

perceptions was moved to the top and an action item was added to Objective 5 to ensure students at a distance receive the same level and quality of support as on-campus students.

*Goal 4:* Added an action item under Objective 2 which reads, participate in exchange opportunities envisioned in existing and new international exchange and combined actions items iii and iv as Environmental & Community Health.

*Goal 5*

President Broderick said that the changes were necessary to reflect reality, while still trying to be as specific as possible. Should the University receive an influx of state funding (which is not likely to happen), these aspirations could change. A half-hour session will be allotted at the December meeting to discuss the revised plan and request Board adoption.

#### Sea-Level Rise Initiative Update

President Broderick introduced Ray Toll Admiral David Architzel, who will provide an update on the sea level rise initiative. Mr. Toll has worked closely with Vice President Morris Foster and Elizabeth Kersey on this initiative and has been instrumental in getting all of the appropriate federal, state and local officials as well as members of the military and business community around the table and in securing funds. There had been a void of leadership in this area and this is a great opportunity for Old Dominion University to fill this void and become a national and international leader in teaching, research and community engagement on this important issue.

Mr. Toll provided background information on his career and the activities associated with this initiative. President Broderick designated sea level rise as a priority focus area over the last five years and created the Sea Level Rise Initiative in 2010 to facilitate research and education on sea level rise. Because of our location, there is special emphasis on adaptation to increased flooding. The Mitigation and Research Initiative (MARI) serves as the research arm in this effort and his service/outreach arm.

The Whole of Government approach brings federal, State, local governments into a process of coordination and collaboration.

In June, a federal approach was announced. The goal is to create the Hampton Roads Sea Level Rise Preparedness and Resilience Intergovernmental Planning Team over the next two years (the first of its kind in the nation) that can effectively coordinate the sea level rise preparedness and resilience planning of federal, state and local government agencies and the private sector, taking into account the perspectives and concerns of the citizens of the region. ODU will serve as the neutral facilitator and coordinator to incubate intergovernmental solutions and serve as the center for intellectual capital.

At the request of the White House, ODU will host a FEMA tabletop exercise on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will focus on adaptation and resilience (not emergency response) to Category 3 hurricane scenario as what we will do in generational terms. HUD announced in September a \$1B National Disaster Resiliency Competition. Awards will range from \$1M to \$500M tied to

specific weather events determined by HUD and required to meet certain thresholds. The

only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered. The certification of compliance vote was seven in favor and none opposed. (*Cofer, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge, Mugler, Reidy, Swystun, Tata*)

### **HONORARY DEGREE RECOMMENDATION**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Mugler and seconded by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge, the following resolution was unanimously approved by all members present and voting. (*Cofer, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge, Mugler, Reidy, Swystun, Tata*)

### **HONORARY DEGREE RECOMMENDATION**

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors approves the award of a Doctor of Humane Letters (*honoris causa*) to Susan S. Goode, community leader and volunteer.

#### **Mrs. Susan S. Goode**

#### Profession

Retired School Teacher

#### Education

Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Roanoke College, 2008

#### Community Involvement

Goode has been actively involved in community, arts and historical affairs in Roanoke and Norfolk, Virginia for more than forty years.

She is a recognized community leader and volunteer who devotes her time and support throughout Virginia and the United States as a member of various nonprofit organizations.

#### Boards And Volunteer Work

Board Member, Americans for the Arts

Board Member, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Board of Trustees Member, Virginia Historical Society; previously held the position of Regional Vice Chairman until 2007

Former Board Member, Virginians for the Arts

Secretary, Board of Directors, Virginia Symphony Orchestra

Member, Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities

Member, Collection Committee, Chrysler Museum of Art

Advisory Board Member, Honorary Chairwoman and former Director of the YWCA of South Hampton Roads

Board of Trustees, Virginia Wesleyan College

Member, Norfolk Public Arts Commission



### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Rector asked committee chair to let Donna know if they have any suggestions for agenda items for Executive Committee meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.