

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
2018 Interim Executive Summary of Activities**

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Annual Executive Summary of the Interim Activity and Work of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University

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Executive Summary

As stated in [Virginia Code §23.1-1303 \(12\)](#), the governing board of each public institution of higher education shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual executive summary of its interim activity and work no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly.

During 2018, the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University held three regular meetings on April 26, 2018, September 20, 2018, and December 6, 2018, and its annual meeting on June 14, 2018. In addition to the regular and annual meetings of the Board and its standing committees (Academic & Research Advancement, Administration & Finance, Athletics, Audit, Student Enhancement & Engagement, and University Advancement), a special meeting of the Board was held on May 15, 2018, in order for the Board to approve the proposed tuition and fees; the Board's executive committee met twice on March 12, 2018 and November 12, 2018, an orientation for new Board members was held on August 20, 2018, and the Board held its annual retreat on January 25, 2018. During these meetings, the Board received briefings and/or held discussions on the following topics:

- President's Task Force on Economic Development, Entrepreneurship, and Tech Transfer/Commercialization
- Key University Initiatives and the Next Five Years for the University and Board
- Branding Initiative
- Litigation Updates, as needed
- Proposed 2018-2019 Tuition & Fees
- Proposed 2018-2019 Operating Budget & Plan
- Online Virginia Network
- Cybersecurity Initiatives
- Expansion of Health Programs in Virginia Beach – School of Nursing and New Center for Telehealth Education and Research
- Fundraising Initiative
- Commonwealth's Guidance on Gender Transition
- ODU Employee Perceptions
- ODU's Minority Male Symposium (featuring Board member Jay Harris)
- Opening of New Student Affinity Space in Webb University Center

- Academic Standings of Student Athletes
- Annual “Red Flag” Report
- Faculty Promotions and Tenure
- Leaves of Absence Without Compensation
- University’s Landscaping and Campus Signage Improvements
- Support and Retention Efforts for Military Students
- Initiative to Create a Military Tuition Model
- The Guardians Initiative on Public Confidence in Higher Education
- Student-Athlete Welfare (Academic Support, Academic Review, Career Development Efforts)
- Implications of New Tax Bill on Athletics and Athletic Foundation Membership Benefits
- Commission on College Basketball Report’s Impact on Division I Men’s Basketball
- Timeline on Addition of Women’s Volleyball
- Faculty Promotions for 2018-2019
- State Appropriation for Digital Shipbuilding
- Design Standards for Facility Construction and Renovation
- Student Open Houses
- New Fundraising Database – Reeher
- University’s Licensing Program and Marketing Efforts
- College of Sciences Overview
- Six-Year Academic and Financial Plan
- Hurricane Florence Preparation
- 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Development
- Leadership Profile of Virginia Public Universities
- HB 1401 Prohibiting Public Institutions of Higher Education from Abridging Constitutional Freedom of Speech
- Student Freedom of Speech and Activism Website
- University’s Ranking in Top 230 Best National Universities in 2019 *U.S. News and World Report*
- Recognition in *Diversity Issues in Higher Education* as a Top 10 Producer in 2017 and 14th in Nation for Producing African-American Bachelor’s Degrees and 79th in Total Minority Bachelor’s Degrees- All Disciplines Combined
- Process for Nomination of Honorary Degree Recipients
- Barry Art Museum Opening
- Debt Management Policy Compliance
- Succession Planning Initiative
- Student Enrollment Initiatives
- Student Career Skills Initiatives (Roadtrip Nation)
- Student Mental Health Initiatives
- Results of National Survey on U.S. Philanthropy Trends
- Donor Stewardship Programs
- Institutional Performance Standards
- Financial and Administrative Standards
- Athletics Graduation Success Rate
- Football Stadium Gifts
- Construction Projects
- University Closing on November 29 Due to Bomb Threat
- Overview of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

- Sports Medicine Analysis
- Mid-Year Tenure Report
- Digital Shipbuilding
- Unaudited Financial Statements for Year Ended June 30, 2018
- Financial Ratios – Comparative Report
- Civic Scholars Program
- Barry Art Museum Foundation
- Quarterly Research Briefing
- Quarterly Educational Foundation Investment Reports
- Quarterly Capital Outlay Projects Progress Reports
- Quarterly Fundraising Reports
- Quarterly Public Safety Reports
- Quarterly Reports from Student Representative to the Board
- Quarterly Reports from the Internal Auditor:
 - Status reports on current audit projects and other initiatives
 - Annual risk assessment and proposed audit plan
 - Quality Assurance Improvement Program
 - Fraud Waste and Abuse Investigations
 - Open Audit Issues from Prior Audits
 - Audit Reports:
 - Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity
 - Research Center Bioelectrics
 - NCAA Compliance
 - College of Education
 - General Accounting
 - Procurement Services
 - Office of the President
 - Card Center Information Technology

An exit conference with the Auditor of Public Accounts on the University’s audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was held with the Board’s Audit Committee on June 14, 2018.

The following actions were taken by the Board during 2018:

- 112 faculty appointments, 104 administrative faculty appointments, six appointments with tenure, two mid-year tenure appointments, 23 emeritus/emerita appointments, two dual employments, and granted tenure to 184 faculty members
- Appointed three Louis I. Jaffe Professors in the College of Arts and Letters
- Awarded one honorary degree
- Rescinded honorary degree awarded to Bill Cosby in 1998
- Revised seven Board policies
- Approved new degree programs:
 - Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
 - Bachelor of Science in Public Health
 - Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
 - Master of Library Science
 - Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics

- Discontinued degree programs:
 - Joint Master of Public Health with Eastern Virginia Medical School (continued program offered solely by ODU)
 - Master of Science in Athletic Training (initiated degree program as a professional/entry level credential)
- Appointed faculty representatives to the Board standing committees
- Appointed student representative to the Board
- Approved 2018-2019 Tuition and Fees
- Approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget and Plan
- Approved 9(d) bond financing of \$45,000,000 through the Virginia College Building Authority for reconstruction of S.B. Ballard football stadium
- Approved President’s Compensation Package
- Approved Resolution Commemorating President Broderick’s 10th Anniversary as President
- Elected Nominating Committee and Board Officers
- Renamed the Honors College the Perry Honors College
- Renamed the Darden College of Education the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies
- Renamed the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training the School of Rehabilitation Sciences
- Approved the 2019 Audit Plan and a modified 2018 Audit Plan
- Approved the Six-Year Academic and Financial Plan
- Revised its Bylaws to change timing officer elections

The Old Dominion University Board of Visitors continues to operate in a transparent manner, to the extent required by law, in all Board actions. Each of the meetings noted above were open to the public and notice was provided pursuant to [Virginia Code §2.2-3707](#). The agendas and minutes of the meetings are published on the Board’s website and the Commonwealth Calendar. Business conducted in closed session during any of these meetings was done in compliance with [Virginia Code §2.2-3711](#). The University’s Assistant Attorney General & University Counsel attends all meetings of the Board.

The [Bylaws of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors](#) are posted on the Board’s website and note the requirements of the Board in order to ensure the transparency of its actions. Sections 3.07 and 3.08 of the Bylaws require that all meetings of the Board be conducted in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, the Bylaws and Board policies and procedures. This is more specifically addressed in [Board Policy 1107, Board of Visitors Meeting Scheduling and Procedures](#). Section 3.07 also states that the Board shall request the presence of the University legal representative at all open and closed meetings and committee meetings, except those where the President is being evaluated or presenting portions of his/her Annual Report dealing with the evaluation of University officers (unless otherwise directed by the Attorney General).

The Board of Visitors met three times with President John R. Broderick in 2018 in closed session to discuss his evaluation; his mid-year evaluation was conducted at the Board’s annual retreat on January 25, 2018, his annual evaluation was discussed at the meeting on April 26, 2018, and his compensation package was discussed and approved at the Board’s annual meeting on June 14, 2018.