# OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS 2019 Interim Executive Summary of Activities

#### **Document Title**

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 <u>Virginia Code §23.1-1303(12)</u>, 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 2019, the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University held three regular meetings on April 25, 2019, September 19, 2019, and December 5, 2019, and its annual meeting on June 13, 2019. In addition to the regular and annual meetings of the Board and its standing committees (Academic & Research Advancement, Administration & Finance, Athletics, Audit & Compliance, Student Enhancement & Engagement, and University Advancement), the Board's executive committee met twice on March 18, 2019 and November 18, 2019, an orientation for new Board members was held on August 19, 2019, and the Board held its annual retreat on January 24, 2019. At its meeting on April 25, 2019, the Board held an open comments session for students and other interested parties to comment on the administration's proposed 2019-2020 tuition and fees, prior to taking action on the proposal.

During 2019, the Board received briefings and/or held discussions on the following topics:

- Responsibilities of Boards of Visitors
- ODU's Regional Research/Economic Development Strategy
- On-Line Education and Pricing Structure
- Strategic Plan
- Budget/5-Year Plan
- Legal & Litigation Updates as needed
- 2020 Tuition & Fees and Budget Planning Update
- University-Foundation Affiliation
- Academic Student Success Efforts
- Job Market Response: New Degree Programs
- New State Policy on Civility
- Fundraising Initiatives
- Athletics Academic Success
- Athletics Competition Success

- 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
  - Consulting Engagements
  - Open Audit Issues from Prior Audits
  - Audit Reports:
    - Pre-Construction Contract Review
    - Office of the University Registrar
    - Department of Human Resources
    - Confucius Institute
    - 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
    - Transportation & Parking Services
    - Institutional Scholarships
    - Office of Study Abroad
    - College of Health Sciences
    - Payment Card Industry Compliance
    - Office of the President Annual Review
- University Compliance Program
- College of Continuing Education and Professional Development
- Enterprise Risk Management
- Quarterly Educational Foundation Investment Reports
- Quarterly Capital Outlay Projects Progress Reports
- Proposed 2019-2020 Tuition & Fees
- Proposed 2019-2020 Operating Budget & Plan
- Athletics Year-End Highlights
- Athletics Budget Review
- Cybersecurity Initiatives & Accolades
- Leaders Program (Leadership, Academic Internship, Diversity, Entrepreneurship, Research and Service Learning)
- Information Technology Security
- Monarch Way Wayfinding
- Dining Services Review
- PNC Bank Partnership
- Student Wellness
- Six-Year Academic and Financial Plan
- Individual Performance Pilot Agreements
- HB2173 and SB1118 Public Comment
- Tuition Moderation

- Online Virginia Network
- The Mobility Pass
- Campus Beautification Efforts
- Chartway Arena
- Minors on Campus Policy
- Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC)
- Fraternity & Sorority Life Strategic Plan
- Annual Debt Management Report
- Succession Planning
- College Advisory Boards Review
- Endowment Funding Levels
- Coastal Resilience at ODU: Research, Practice and Innovation
- Athletics Academic Progress Rate (APR)
- NCAA Name, Image and Likeness
- University Audit Department Briefing
- Tech Talent Pipeline
- ODU's Regional Innovation and Workforce Initiatives
- New Esports Program
- Faculty Diversity: Recruitment & Retention
- Center for High Impact Practices and Student Support Services
- Virginia Institute for Spaceflight & Autonomy (VISA)
- Annual "Red Flag" Report
- Career Development Services
- Unaudited Financial Statements for Year Ended June 30, 2019
- Old Dominion University Alumni Association
- Faculty Promotions and Tenure
- Leaves of Absence Without Compensation
- Quarterly Fundraising Reports
- Quarterly Public Safety Reports
- Quarterly Reports from Student Representative to the Board

An exit conference with the Auditor of Public Accounts on the University's audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, was held with the Board's Audit & Compliance Committee on June 13, 2019.

The following actions were taken by the Board during 2019:

- 110 faculty appointments, 109 administrative faculty appointments, three appointments with tenure, one mid-year tenure appointment, 29 emeritus/emerita appointments, one posthumous emeritus appointment, one dual employment, and granted tenure to 23 faculty members
- Appointed two Batten Chairs in the Batten College of Engineering and Technology
- Awarded three honorary degrees
- Approved Bylaws revisions
- Revised seven Board policies and approved three new Board policies

- Approved new degree programs:
  - o Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
  - Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
  - o Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
  - o Bachelor of Science in Special Education
  - o Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education
- Discontinued Master of Science Program in Community Health
- Appointed faculty representatives to the Board standing committees
- Appointed student representative to the Board
- Approved 2019-2020 Tuition and Fees
- Approved 2019-2020 Operating Budget and Plan
- Approved the 2020 Audit Plan and a modified 2019 Audit Plan
- Approved the 2020-2026 Six-Year Academic and Financial Plan
- Approved President's Compensation Package
- Approved 9(d) bond financing of \$4,000,000 for the new Student Health and Wellness Center
- Approved 9(c) bond financing of \$55,817,000 for a new residence hall
- Resolution supporting the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, as Amended by Public Law 114-315 and Title 38, U.S.C. Section 3679(c)
- Approved the reorganization of the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development and renamed it the School of Continuing Education
- Named the Department of Music the F. Ludwig Diehn School of Music
- Named the Real Estate Program the Harvey Lindsay School of Real Estate
- Renamed the Office of International Programs the Center for Global Engagement
- Renamed the Department of Management the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship
- Renamed the Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences the Department of Ocean and Earth Sciences
- Renamed the Department of Management the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship
- Renamed the Department of Modeling, Simulation and Visualization Engineering the Department of Computational Modeling and Simulation Engineering

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 <u>Virginia Code §2.2-3707</u>. 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 <u>Virginia Code §2.2-3711</u>. The University's Assistant Attorney General & University Counsel attends all meetings of the Board.

The <u>Bylaws of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors</u> 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 <u>Code of Virginia</u>, the Bylaws and Board policies and procedures. This is more specifically addressed in <u>Board Policy 1107</u>, <u>Board of Visitors Meeting Scheduling and Procedures</u>. 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 during 2019 in closed session with President John R. Broderick to discuss his evaluation and compensation: his mid-year evaluation was conducted at the Board's annual retreat on January 24, 2019, his annual evaluation was discussed at the meeting on April 25, 2019, and his compensation package was discussed and approved at the Board's annual meeting on June 13, 2019.