

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
Gateway Dining & Events Center
(on the campus of Virginia State University)
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER.....Mr. Thomas Cosgrove, Vice Chair

ROLL CALL (*Dr. Annie C. Redd*)

INVOCATION (*Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

- April 24, 2025 Committee Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS..... Dr. Makola M. Abdullah

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approval Items: (if any)
- Information Items:
 - Academic Affairs Updates Dr. Tia A. Minnis
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Enrollment Updates Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter
Vice President for Student Affairs/Enrollment Management
 - Student Engagement Update Ms. Regina Barnett-Tyler
Asst Vice President for Student Success & Engagement
 - Safety and Security Update Chief David Bragg
Asst VP for Safety and Security

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Visitor Cosgrove called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to order. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams at the Gateway Dining and Events Center.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove (Vice Chair)
Mr. Peter McPherson (*absent*)
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
Ms. Morenike Miles
Dr. Victor K. Branch, Rector
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Dr. Leonard Haynes, III (*absent*)

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative
Mr. Marquis Mason, SGA Representative

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jon Moore
Mr. Peter McPherson
Ms. Verndell Robinson
General Dennis Via (*absent*)
Mr. Kishore Thota
Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase
Mr. Robert Thompson
Ms. Daphne Meeks

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO
Ms. Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance
Dr. Willis W. Walter, Interim Vice President For Advancement and External Engagement
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Nathan Moberly(*absent*)

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on April 25, 2025.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Bragg provided a brief overview of campus safety and security measures. In addition, he shared updates regarding the campus threat reported on September 11, 2025, and the ongoing investigation.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Dr. Tia A. Minnis provided updates on matters related to Academic and Student Affairs. Following her presentation, Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter delivered an update on Student Enrollment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was received, properly seconded, and the Committee voted by voice vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED:



Chair

11/20/25

Date