

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS  
AND**

**COMMITTEE FACILITIES & FINANCE  
9:30 A.M.; FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

**Gateway Dining & Event Center  
(on the campus of Virginia State University)  
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER .....Dr. Leonard Haynes, III, Chair

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION (*Pastor Seth Ahmad-McQueen, Director of Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

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

CLOSED SESSION (IF ANY)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Virginia State University Six-Year Plan 2023:

Dr. Tia Minnis Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President, Finance &  
Administration and Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs/  
Enrollment Management

Ms. Jane Harris, Associate Vice President, Capital Outlay & Facilities

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

*All meeting times are approximate. Meetings may begin after the posted start time at the pleasure of the Board. The Board reserves the right to change its schedule as necessary.*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Leonard Haynes, Chair, called the Joint Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Committee on Facilities & Finance meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Gateway Dining & Event Center located on the campus of Virginia State University.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

*Committee Members Present:*

*Academic & Student Affairs*

Dr. Leonard Haynes, III, Chair

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove (*participated by electronic communication*)

Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.

Ms. Daphne Meeks

Mr. Edward Owens

Dr. Valerie Brown, (Rector, ex-officio)

Dr. Leonard Githinji, Faculty Representative

Ms. Kailyn Haye, SGA Representative (*absent*)

*Facilities & Finance*

William Murray, Chair (*absent*)

Pamela Currey

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove (*participated by electronic communication*)

Ms. Daphne Meeks

Mr. Kishore Thota

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector (ex-officio)

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove participated by electronic communication from Fairfax, VA, due to personal reasons.

*Other Members Present:*

Mr. Victor Branch

Dr. Joseph Chase, Jr. (*arrived @ 9:59am*)

Ms. Shavonne Gordon

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President

Dr. Tia Minnis, Interim/ Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Tonya S. Hall, Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement

Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration/Chief Financial Officer

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Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity & Compliance  
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board Operations & Relations  
Dr. Gwendolyn Williams-Dandridge, Asst. Vice President/Director of Communications  
Maurion Edwards, CIO/Technology Services  
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Enrollment Management  
Ms. Tanya Simmons, Associate Vice President for Human Resources

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Cynthia Norwood Marquez, Senior Assistant Attorney General

*President Office Staff:*

Danette Johnson, President's Office  
Debbie Jefferson, President's Office  
Tina Cabrera, President's Office  
Rodney Hall, President's Office

**INVOCATION**

Chair Haynes invited Pastor Seth Ahmad-McQueen (*Director Campus Ministries*) to offer the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair called for approval of the agenda. The motion was made, properly second, and passed by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – There were no previous minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Abdullah expressed appreciation to the Committee members for attending the special meeting. He gave a brief background on the VSU Six-Year Plan, which is comprised of programs and initiatives that VSU would like to accomplish and include funding requests from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Tia Minnis, Mr. Kevin Davenport, Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, and Mrs. Jane Harris provided a summary of the proposed Six-Year Plan for the future of VSU to the joint committee. The Six-Year Plan is a subset of our University Strategic Plan targeting specific priorities and covering five areas: (1) Financial Aid Support and Tuition Assistance to reduce the cost of higher education; (2) Together We Achieve Greater – partnerships with the Petersburg Community; (3) Trojan Care – Mental Health and Wellness Initiatives; (4) VSU & Richard Bland College School of Technical and Professional Studies; (5) Leveraging Technology and Artificial Intelligence.

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After the presentation and discussion, Chair Haynes called for a motion to recommend approval of the VSU Six-Year Plan to the Full Board. A motion was made, properly second, and the joint committee voted by roll call vote. Mr. William Murray was not present for the vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Haynes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was received, properly seconded, and the committee voted by roll call vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Chair

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Date