

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

(Wednesday, April 24, 2019)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Pamela Currey, Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (“VSU”) Board of Visitors (“Board”) Academic and Student Affairs Committee to order in the President’s Residence on the campus of Virginia State University at 9:33 am.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Pamela Currey

Mr. Charlie Hill

Mr. Xavier Richardson

Mr. Huron Winstead, Rector

Ms. Zoe Spencer, Faculty Representative

Miss Gabrielle Wilks, Student Representative

Absent:

Mr. Wayne Turnage

Dr. Daryl Dance

Mr. Gregory Whirley

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President

Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Letizia Gambrell-Boone, Vice President, Student Success and Engagement

Mr. Hubert Harris, Vice President of Administration

Dr. G. Dale Wesson, Vice President, Research and Economic Development

Mr. Rodney Hall, Asst. Vice President, Enrollment Management

Dr. Jame’l Hodges, Associate VP, Student Success and Engagement

Dr. Sabin R. Duncan, Executive Director, Academic Center for Excellence

Dr. Tia Minnis, Associate Vice Provost/Executive Director, Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness

Mr. Osubi Craig, Special Asst. to President for Strategic Initiatives/Dir., Government Relations

Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President and Board Liaison

Legal Counsel Present:

Ms. Ramona L. Taylor, University Legal Counsel Board of Visitors

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Other Attendees:

Ms. Cynthia D. Baker, Student Success and Engagement
Dr. Jame'l Hodges, Student Success and Engagement
Dr. Sabin Duncan, Student Success and Engagement
Ms. Malika Blume, Internal Audit
Mr. Marlo Green, Internal Audit

AGENDA APPROVED

The Committee approved the agenda for the April 24, 2019 Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes from the February 7, 2019 Committee meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President deferred his remarks to Dr. Donald Palm, Provost, who spoke on the breaking announcement made that morning regarding the Teacher of the Year, Mr. Rodney Robinson, an Alumnus from the Class of 2000.

A special presentation was given from the College of Natural & Health Sciences. Graduate students provided a demonstration of their research in virtual reality. Headsets with computer generated simulation of a three-dimensional environment were distributed to committee members and staff to experience the virtual reality programs.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Division of Administration

Mr. Hubert Harris led the presentation for Administration Information Items. Mr. Harris deferred the presentation on Athletics until the Full Board meeting. Mr. Harris then spoke on the 2019 VSU Clery Act Crime Statistics. Mr. Harris offered the committee a brief background on the Clery Act and which categories are reported in the statistics: Criminal, Hate, VAWA (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act), Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action to include any weapons, Law Violations such as drugs violations and liquor law violations.

Mr. Harris then referred and updated the committee on the 2018 YTD and 2019 YTD Crime Statistics. He noted that Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization added (3) additional categories. Mr. Harris inquired which report format is requested by the committee. It was decided both formats will be presented at September's Board meeting along with same type of information from other Virginia institutions.

Enrollment Projection Model: Dr. Tia Minnis, Associate Vice President/Director Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness presented to the committee an Enrollment Projection

Model which spoke on the past, present, and future enrollment based on information captured historical data from the previous 10 years.

Office of Enrollment Management:

Mr. Rodney Hall addressed the committee on the Office of Enrollment, noting the following fall 2019 undergraduates:

- 6,552 Applications
- 6360 Admitted
- 192 Denied
- 1294 Engaged
- 257 Deposits
- 0 Validated

After a brief discussion about recruitment and admissions, Mr. Hall assured the committee that VSU has not compromised quantity vs quality.

Division of Student Success and Engagement:

Dr. Gambrell-Boone addressed the committee on the Division of Student Success and Engagement. She asked for a brief moment of silence for fallen Trojan Malik Davis, who was a political science major from Broadnax, VA.

Dr. Gambrell-Boone spoke on the Gartner's Analytics Value Escalator:

- What happened – Descriptive Analytics
- Why did it happen – Diagnostic Analytics □ What will happen – Predictive Analytics
- How can we make it happen - Prescriptive Analytics

Dr. Gambrell-Boone stated that of the 2018 cohort, 73% of students are registered thus far for fall 2019 with 58% being registered campus wide. This was in part due to collaboration and communication between multiple campus units is biggest difference from 2018-2019 .

Dr. Gambrell-Boone spoke on the student engagement activities during the spring 2019 semester:

- Internship and Career Expo – February 6, 2019
- Education Career Expo – March 21, 2019
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Conference - March 27 -30, 2019 Detroit
- Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) Conference February 2, 2019 Washington, DC
- SGA Elections, Mr. Joshua Hines 2019-2020 President
- Mr. and Miss VSU, Mr. Frederick Sanders and Miss Dayana Lee
- Induction of the Charlie Hill Fellows Inaugural Cohort – April 14, 2019
- 2nd Edition of BARE: A Reflection on Womynhood during Womyn's History Month – March 27, 2019

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- Greek Life New Members Spring 2019
- Diversity and Inclusion, Pronoun Pins, VSU Safe Zone Ally Check In
- Upcoming Events: Homecoming 2019 – October 19, 2019.

Division of Academic Affairs

Dr. Donald Palm addressed the committee on the Division of Academic Affairs noting the following:

The approval of Items to be addressed with the full Board in closed session on Thursday, April 25th, 2019:

- Candidates for Promotion and Tenure
- Candidates for Sabbatical Leave
- Candidates for Honorary Doctoral Degree

Dr. Palm then invited in the Deans from various academic colleges to participate in regards to the new academic degree programs.

- Bachelor Science
 - Special Education (K-12)
 - Elementary Education (PreK-6th)
 - Middle School education (6th-8th)
 - Innovative Tech Ed (Career and Tech Ed)
 - Sport Management
- Master's Degree
 - Data Analytics Engineering
 - Masters of Business Administration
 - Masters of Social Work
 - Masters in Counselor Education
- Doctorate in Education Administration and Supervision (Online)
- Professional degree – Educational Specialist

Dr. Palm also shared recent or ongoing Program accreditations which include the Art & Design Department (College of Humanities and Social Sciences), Hospitality Management (College of Agriculture), and Dietetics (College of Agriculture).

Dr. Palm presented information supporting the Resolution to Approve Participation in Faculty Teaching Load Assessment. The General Assembly has directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the cost efficiency of the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education and to present options and recommendations for reducing the cost of public higher education in Virginia (HJR 108). JLARC recommends the Board of Visitors at each Virginia public four-year higher education institution, to the extent practicable, shall participate in national faculty teaching load assessments by discipline and faculty type. VSU has not previously participated in

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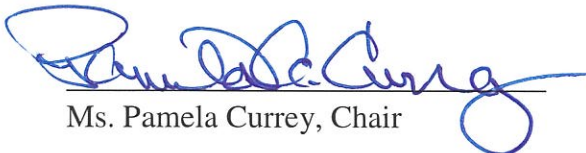
this initiative; the resolution approves VSU to participate in the 2019 Cohort of the National Study of Instructional Costs and Productivity also known as “The Delaware Cost Study”.

Dr. Palm invited Mr. Osubi Craig to share information about VSU’s participation in the Institutional Partnership Performance Agreements and Internships Program (IPPA) and the Tech Talent Pipeline Investment also known as the Amazon job fund.

Dr. Palm revisited the Strategic Plan priorities and presented the initial metrics and targets for review and approval by the Board. The University will provide the Plan’s metrics and target updates to the Board of Visitors on a quarterly basis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Committee at 1:15 pm.



Ms. Pamela Currey, Chair

9-12-19

Date

