

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Virginia State University, Virginia 23806**

**MINUTES  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, March 25, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Harry Black, Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University ("VSU") Board of Visitors' Executive Committee to order in the Board Room of Virginia Hall at 10:32 a.m.

A quorum of the committee was present.

*Committee Members Present:*

Mr. Harry Black, Rector  
Mr. Willie C. Randall, Vice Rector  
Ms. Daphne Maxwell Reid, Secretary  
Dr. Robert Denton  
Ms. Jennifer Hunter  
Mr. Huron Winstead

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President  
Mr. Hubert Harris, Chief of Staff

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Ms. Ramona Taylor, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Christy G. Brown, Paralegal, University Legal Counsel

*Other Attendees:*

Mr. Ephfrom Walker, Internal Audit

### **Committee Report**

The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed 2016 – 2017 Virginia State University Board of Visitors meeting schedule. Ms. Hunter suggested the Annual Board Retreat be added to the schedule with a proposed date of August 12, 2016. A motion to approve the amended meeting schedule was moved by Dr. Denton, seconded by Ms. Hunter and carried by roll call voice vote.

The committee reviewed the current Virginia State University Code of Ethics. Ms. Reid moved to approve the current version without revision. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hunter and carried by roll call voice vote.

The committee reviewed the current Virginia State University Statement of Governance. Ms. Hunter highlighted an opportunity for clarity and suggested that “the following officers:” be added to the third paragraph. Ms. Reid moved to approve the amended Statement of Governance, the motion was seconded by Mr. Winstead and carried by roll call voice vote.

The committee reviewed the current Virginia State University Freedom of Information Act Rights and Responsibilities. Ms. Hunter moved to re-affirm the current version without revision, the motion was seconded by Mr. Winstead and carried by roll call voice vote.

The committee reviewed the current Virginia State University Board Bylaws. Discussion included: officer terms; the awarding of honorary doctorate degrees; the audit function of the Board existing as an individual committee; committee roles and responsibilities; and committee vice-chair appointments. The committee elected to table further discussion and/or action until the Board Retreat.

In accordance with the Virginia State University Board of Visitor’s Bylaws and consistent with § 23-2.04 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Committee discussed nominations for the offices of Rector, Vice Rector, Secretary, and potential committee assignments and structures for recommendation to the full Board at the annual meeting in April.

The following slate of officer nominations resulted from the meeting: Mr. Harry Black, Rector; Mr. Huron Winstead, Vice Rector; and Ms. Thursa Crittenden, Secretary.

Committee Chair recommendations: Mr. Michael Flemming, Facilities, Finance and Audit; Dr. Robert Denton, Academic and Student Affairs; Ms. Jennifer Hunter, Institutional Advancement; Mr. Willie Randall, Resource. Should Gubernatorial appointments void Committee Chair recommendations, the following back-up Committee Chair recommendations are offered: Dr. Alma Hobbs, Academic and Student Affairs; Mr. Xavier Richardson, Institutional Advancement; and Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Resource.

Foundation Liaison recommendations: VSU Foundation, Mr. Xavier Richardson; Real Estate Foundation, Mr. Charlie Hill; Research Foundation, Dr. Alma Hobbs; Reginald F. Lewis College of Business Foundation, Mr. Frederick Humphries. Mr. Winstead moved to approve the slate of

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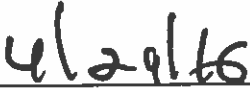
officers and committee and foundation recommendations as presented, the motion was seconded by Ms. Hunter and carried by roll call voice vote.

Ms. Hunter moved to approve all references to the Resource Committee be changed to Personnel and Compensation Committee, the motion was seconded by Ms. Hunter and carried by roll call voice vote.

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting of the committee at 12:16 p.m.



Harry Black Rector



Date