

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

*The Full Board Meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of the Gateway Dining Event Center
Salon A, on the campus of Virginia State University*

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Harry Black, Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (VSU) Board of Visitors (Board) to order in Salon A of the Gateway Dining and Event Center at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Harry Black, Rector
Mr. Huron F. Winstead, Vice Rector
Ms. Thursa Crittenden, Secretary
Ms. Pamela A. Currey (*absent*)
Dr. Daryl C. Dance
Mr. Michael Flemming
Mr. Charlie W. Hill
Dr. Alma C. Hobbs
Ms. Jennifer Hunter (*absent*)
Mr. Paul Koonce
Mr. Xavier Richardson
Mr. Glenn Sessoms
Mr. James J.L. Stegmaier
Mr. Wayne Turnage (*arrived at 9:51 a.m.*)
Mr. Gregory Whirley
Dr. James Norman, Faculty Representative to the Board
Mr. Cody Mitchell, Student Representative to the Board

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President
Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Letizia Gambrell-Boone, Vice President of Student Success and Engagement
Mr. Hubert Harris, Vice President of Administration
Ms. Reshunda Mahone, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
Dr. G. Dale Wesson, Vice President of Research and Economic Development
Mr. Rodney Hall, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management
Ms. Pamela Turner, Director of Communications
Mr. Osubi Craig, Special Assistant to the President for Special Projects and Initiatives
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President/Board Liaison
Ms. Sheila Alves, Chief Audit Executive

Legal Counsel Present:

Ms. Ramona Taylor, University Legal Counsel
Ms. Bonnie N. Holmes, Legal Assistant, University Legal Counsel

Other Attendees:

Rev. Delano Douglas, Director, Campus Ministries
Paula McCapes, President, Staff Senate

Travis Edmonds, Information Technology
Danette Johnson, President's Office
Janet Duggar, Office of Conference Services
April Edwards, Institutional Advancement
Durba Chatterjee, Institutional Advancement
Joyce E. Henderson, VSU Real Estate Foundation
Bob Turner, VSU Foundation
Pete Stith, VSU Real Estate Foundation
Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager, Petersburg, VA
Omar Faison, Graduate Studies
C. Watson, NSF
Pamela Leigh-Mack
Andrea O.

OPENING REMARKS

Rector Black invited Reverend Delano Douglas, Director of Campus Ministries, to lead the invocation.

APPROVAL ITEMS

The September 14, 2017, Board meeting minutes were accepted for approval with two corrections. The September 15, 2017, Board meeting minutes were accepted for approval with one correction. Approval of revised Board Bylaws will be presented at the January or April meeting.

The Board also reaffirmed the appointment of Ms. Sheila Alves as the Internal Chief Audit Executive by voice vote.

RECTOR'S REMARKS

The Rector introduced Ms. Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, the new City Manager for Petersburg, VA. Ms. Benavides introduced herself to the Board and shared the vision and goals for Petersburg, VA. She indicated that VSU is a key stakeholder and that she plans to partner with the University in efforts for community and economic development.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Makola M. Abdullah recognized Dr. Alma Hobbs and Mr. Xavier Richardson for their recent achievements in government and community service. In lieu of further remarks, the President shared two films produced by the VSU Advance Creative Services Group; one focused on highlights of the VSU Trojan Football season, and the other focused on Virginia State University Transforming Lives.

COMMITTEE SESSIONS

The Rector adjourned the meeting of the Full Board to allow for board committee meetings with the Board functioning as a committee of the whole.

Facilities, Finance and Audit Committee

(Committee Members Present: Flemming, Hill, Koonce, Stegmaier, Turnage, Winstead, Whirley, Black)

Mr. Michael Flemming, Committee Chair, stated there were no items for approval.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

(Committee Members Present: Hill, Hobbs, Richardson, Turnage, Whirley, Norman, Mitchell, Black)

On behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Alma Hobbs, Chair presented the resolution for the Firearms and Weapons on Campus Regulation. Mr. Whirley moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. Dr. Donald Palm would present the Resolution for Approval of Professor Emeritus Status in closed session.

The Rector invited Dr. James Norman, Faculty Representative, and Mr. Cody Mitchell, Student Representative to make remarks on behalf of their respective constituencies. The Rector also invited Ms. Paula McCapes, President of the Staff Senate, to the floor to give an update on Staff Senate activities.

Personnel and Compensation Committee

(Committee Members Present: Crittenden, Sessoms, Stegmaier, Winstead, Black)

Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Committee Chair, stated there were no items for approval.

Institutional Advancement Committee

(Committee Members Present: Crittenden, Dance, Hobbs, Koonce, Richardson, Flemming, Sessoms, Black)

Mr. Xavier Richardson, Committee Vice Chair, stated there were no items for approval.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS

Mr. Pete Stith shared plans for a joint special assessment by the VSU Real Estate Foundation and the VSU Foundation with the assistance of the Association of Governing Boards. Discussion followed regarding the involvement of the Board of Visitors. Rector Black suggested that Mr. Richardson take the lead in developing an orientation/education session on Foundations. Mr. Stith plans to return in January with an update on the project.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with § 2.2-3711(A)(1), (10) of the *Code of Virginia*, Ms. Crittenden moved to go into closed session at 10:46 a.m. for discussion of personnel matters specifically regarding candidates being considered for the rank of Professor Emeritus.

The motion provided that President Makola M. Abdullah, Dr. Donald Palm, Ramona L. Taylor, Legal Counsel; attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and/or their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The Board reconvened in open session at 11:59 a.m. in accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the *Code of Virginia*. Ms. Crittenden conducted the poll in which all board members certified that the Board only discussed personnel matters. All board members present certified compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

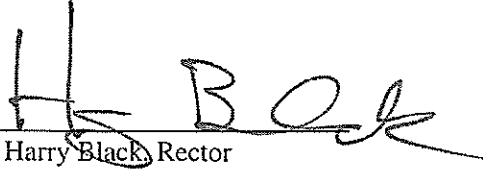
Mr. Richardson moved for the approval of candidates for Professor Emeritus: Dr. Kenneth Barnard and Dr. James E. Hunter. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

BOARD RETREAT ACTION PLAN FOLLOW-UP

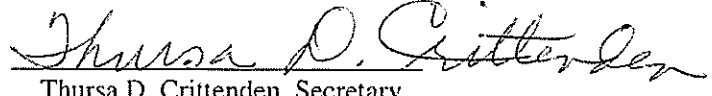
Ms. Crittenden opened the discussion with a request for board members to express their views as reflections and/or assessment of the Board's performance in the November 2017 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 noon.



Harry Black, Rector



Thursa D. Crittenden, Secretary

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**RESOLUTION OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
APPROVING PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

WHEREAS, §23-165.3 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that “[t]he board shall control and expend the funds of the University and any appropriation hereafter provided, and shall make all needful rules and regulations concerning the University, appoint the president, who shall be its chief executive officer, and all professors, teachers and agents, and fix their salaries, and generally direct the affairs of the University”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth J. Bernard, has distinguished himself in the areas of teaching and service to the University, having served the institution for over 10 years, retired in September 2016 at the rank of Full Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Economics. Having served as a member of the Graduate Faculty, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Chapter President of the VSU AAUP Chapter and served on the Executive Committee of the Virginia Conference of the AAUP, made documented contributions to his department, college and University; and

WHEREAS, he presented his work at National Council of Mathematics conferences and Mathematics Association of America meetings, published texts, created and redesign math curriculum, developed the organization of Mathematics Master’s programs and was instrumental in Virginia State University obtaining an award from the National Science Foundation for the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program grant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernard’s departmental colleagues and the University Faculty Emeritus Committee have unanimously supported his candidacy for Professor Emeritus, and the Provost has recommended and received approval of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Virginia State University hereby approves the nomination of Dr. Kenneth J. Bernard and confers upon him the status of Professor Emeritus with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be encased and maintained permanently in the Archives of the University.



Harry Black, Rector

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Thursa Crittenden, Secretary



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WHEREAS, Dr. James E. Hunter has served the University with dedication and distinction for over forty years; and retired from the University in June of 2017 as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs/Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, with the rank of Full Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Having distinguished himself in teaching, research and service; having made documented extraordinary contributions to his department, college and the University, and

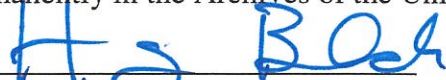
WHEREAS, he established along with his wife Wilma, the James E. & Wilma G. Hunter endowment fund for the purposes of giving back to the institution and affording matriculating students at Virginia State University an opportunity to receive financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, he guided the University in a multitude of leadership capacities to include Interim Dean of the School of Education, Co-Chair of the SACS Self Study Committee, and Assistant Provost for Administration; and,

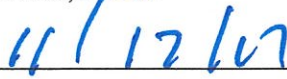
WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter’s departmental colleagues and the University Faculty Emeritus Committee have unanimously supported his candidacy for Professor Emeritus, and the Provost has recommended and received approval of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Virginia State University hereby approves the nomination of Dr. James E. Hunter and confers upon him the status of Professor Emeritus with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining; and be it

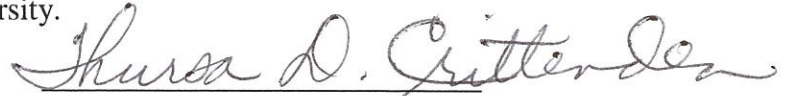
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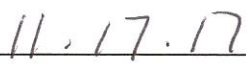
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**RESOLUTION OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
FIREARMS AND WEAPONS ON CAMPUS REGULATION**

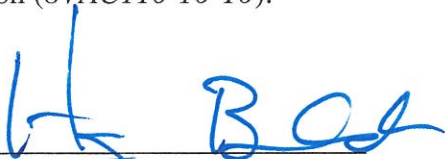
WHEREAS, the safety of Virginia State University students, employees, alumni, and guests is the primary concern of the Board of Visitors and Administration of Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, § 23.1-1301 of the *Code of Virginia* empowers governing boards of public institutions to establish institutional regulations and policies; and

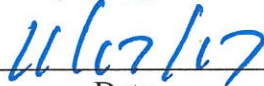
WHEREAS, § 23.1-2702 of the *Code of Virginia*, establishes the Virginia State University Board of Visitors to direct the affairs of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors adopted a Weapons on Campus Regulation by board action on November 10, 2011.

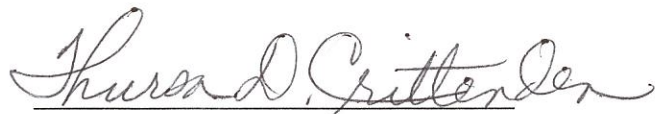
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Visitors of Virginia State University hereby amends and reaffirms the Firearms and Weapons on Campus Regulation (8VAC110-10-10).




Harry Black, Rector



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Thursa Crittenden, Secretary



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