

**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)**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDERDr. 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 Virginia State University's campus.

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, Vice Chair

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 @ 9:59 am*)

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 of 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 includes programs and initiatives that VSU would like to accomplish and funding requests from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Tia Minnis, Mr. Kevin Davenport, Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, and Mrs. Jane Harris summarized 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 absent 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 voice vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

Leonard L. Haynes
Chair

2/8/24
Date