

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Vice Rector, called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, 310 Virginia Hall, on the campus of Virginia State University.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

*Executive Committee Members Present:*

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector (*absent*)

Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Vice Rector

Dr. Christine Darden, Secretary

Ms. Pamela A. Currey, Chair, Academic & Student Affairs

Mr. William Murray, Vice Chair, Facilities, Finance & Audit

Mr. Raul Herrera, Chair, Personnel, Compensation & Governance (*absent*)

Ms. Shavonne Gordon, Chair, Institutional Advancement (*absent*)

*Other Board Members:*

None

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President

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

Kevin Davenport, Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO

Adrian Petway, Associate Vice President, Budget & Planning

Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President/Director, Board Governance, Operations, and Relations

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Cynthia Norwood, Assistant Attorney General

*Other Attendees:*

None

Mr. Sessoms called upon Dr. Redd to give the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee approved the following previous minutes by voice vote.

- November 18, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting
- February 2, 2022 Public Comment Session

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Abdullah shared his thoughts that he was pleased with the Founder’s Day Observance held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that the events focused on telling the VSU story including the remarks by Mr. Sessoms who shared his family history at VSU and a student’s recitation of the speech by Alfred W. Harris on the floor of the General Assembly.

President Abdullah reminded the committee that Mr. Davenport presented the University’s proposal for an increase in the technology fee by \$500—from \$229 to \$729 at the Facilities, Finance & Audit Committee. The Commonwealth of Virginia requires public institutions to hold a public comment session and then give a 30-day window before the Board votes on proposed increases. We wanted to ensure that our students had an opportunity to participate in the public comment session, so we held the session after they returned to campus for the spring semester. The Executive Committee has convened today, which is 30 days after the public comment session, on behalf of the full Board to vote on the proposed increase.

Committee members advised President Abdullah to communicate with the new administration in the Governor’s Office about the increase. President Abdullah thanked the Visitors for the advice and stated that presidents had received information to keep tuition and fee increases under 3%; the increase in the technology fee yields a 2.4% increase in the total cost of attendance. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Tuition and Fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

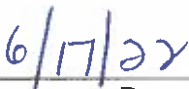
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:13 p.m.

Approved:



Valerie K. Brown, Rector



Date

Christine M. Darden, Secretary

Date