

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Alma Hobbs, Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (“VSU”) Board of Visitors (“Board”) Academic and Student Affairs Committee to order in the Board Room of Virginia Hall on the campus of Virginia State University at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Pamela Currey (*absent*)
Dr. Daryl Dance (*absent*)
Mr. Charlie Hill
Dr. Alma Hobbs
Mr. Xavier Richardson (*arrived 2:10 pm*)
Mr. Wayne Turnage (*absent*)
Mr. Gregory Whirley
Dr. James Norman, Faculty Representative
Mr. Cody Mitchell, Student Representative

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Letizia Gambrell-Boone, Vice President, Student Success & 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. Jamel Hodges, Associate VP, Student Success & Engagement
Ms. Pamela Turner, Director of Communications
Dr. Sabin R. Duncan, Executive Director, Academic Center for Excellence
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

Other Attendees:

Mr. Travis Edmonds, Office of Information Technology

AGENDA APPROVED

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

President's Remarks

President Makola M. Abdullah presented updates on the University key performance indicators (KPIs) identified for the six areas of focus. In discussing KPIs for the second area of focus, *Investing in the Right Academic Programs to Meet the Needs of our Students*, President Abdullah requested support to change STEM-H Program Enrollment (%) to STEM-H Program Graduates and Average Salary. President Abdullah also shared updates about two October 2017 campus incidents and the campus safety and security measures taken by the University. Mr. Hill recommended that the administration figures out a way to capture the conversation in the Board room about the work that is being done and communicate it to university stakeholders.

Division of Administration

Mr. Hubert Harris presented updates on public safety. The updates included campus crime statistics, retention of officers, and the plan to recruit new officers and staff. Mr. Harris also presented a resolution for the Re-affirmation of the Weapons on Campus Regulation. The University established its regulation in 2011. The re-affirmation of the regulation is in response to a change in the code number/section within the *Code of Virginia*. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the resolution to the full Board.

Student Success and Engagement

Dr. Letizia Gambrell-Boone shared updates on retention and spring registration. Dr. Gambrell-Boone also shared division successes such as the Academic Weekend, Homecoming celebration, and a Halloween event for community children led by VSU Students. Engagement opportunities included town hall meetings with students, faculty and staff about campus safety; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and methods used to collaborate with the Division of Academic Affairs.

Academic Affairs

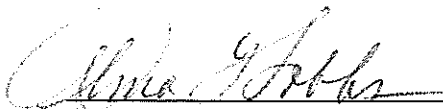
Dr. Donald Palm presented information on the next steps for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) re-affirmation process, immediate areas of focus in the VSU self-assessment, and the Quality Enhancement Plan. Dr. Palm also presented information on the VSU strategic plan and timeline.

Mr. Whirley suggested that academic deans attend committee meetings to share challenges and issues within their respective colleges. This will be an opportunity to educate Board members as well as to confirm the Board's appreciation for the work of the academic deans.

Dr. Hobbs expressed appreciation for the information shared at the meeting and for the way that the University staff pictorially documented their work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Committee at 5:28 p.m.



Dr. Alma Hobbs, Chair

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Date