

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Petersburg, Virginia 23806

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Earnest J. Edwards, Rector, called the special meeting of the Virginia State University Board of Visitors ("Board") to order in the Board Room in Virginia Hall at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Earnest J. Edwards, Rector
Brigadier General (RET) Alfred J. Cade, Vice Rector
Ms. Katherine Elam Busser, Secretary (*absent*)
Mr. Jerry B. Bias
Ms. Erika T. Davis
Mr. Felix Davis, Jr.
Dr. Mary Hatwood Futrell (*absent*)
Mr. Christopher H. Holden (*absent*)
Mr. Richard D. Legon (*via teleconference*)
Ms. Maureen D. Massey (*absent*)
Mr. E. Ray Murphy
Ms. Daphne M. Reid
Mr. James H. Starkey, III
Ms. Barbara Steverson (*absent*)
Mr. Spencer L. Timm (*absent*)
Dr. Ben U. Nwoke, Faculty Member Representative
Ms. Cassandra Campbell, SGA Representative

Administration Present:

Dr. Eddie N. Moore, Jr., President
Dr. W. Weldon Hill, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Robert L. Turner, Jr., Vice President for Development
Ms. Stephanie W. Hayes, Financial Policy Advisor to the President
Ms. Gwen Williams Dandridge, Administrative Policy Advisor to the President

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Legal Counsel Present:

Mr. Roscoe C. Roberts, University Counsel
Ms. Bonnie N. Degen, Legal Assistant, University Counsel
Ms. Christy G. Brown, Paralegal, University Counsel

Other Attendees

Mr. Ronald C. Forehand, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Chief, Education Section
Office of the Attorney General of Virginia
Ms. Clementine Cone, Administrative Assistant to the Presidential Search Committee
Ms. Jan Greenwood, Greenwood and Associates
Mr. Charles Ramey
Ms. Marion Frenche

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Legon confirmed that he was located at 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 1200 Atlanta, GA 30303, which was fully accessible to the public, as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The Rector asked all present to pause for a moment of reverent silence.

Mr. Edwards expressed his gratitude towards the Presidential Search Committee's efforts and commitment to the presidential search process.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Moore discussed the status of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and its affect on the university.

The President encouraged the Board to think of how to effectively minimize the turnover within the Board with five (1/3 of the Board) potential re-appointments in June 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Edwards called for approval of the minutes of the board meeting held September 10-11, 2009. A motion for their approval was made by Ms. Reid, seconded by Mr. Starkey, and the minutes were approved by roll call voice vote.

Miscellaneous

BG (RET) Cade moved for approval the resolution and Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Letters for Professor Angela Yvonne Davis. Discussion ensued. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and carried by roll call voice vote. Mr. Starkey abstained.

Mr. Edwards announced that the Board of Visitors would meet in a closed meeting at an undisclosed time and location within the next 15 days for the sole purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of President of the University, as authorized by Virginia law and the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Edwards named the Presidential Transition Team: BG (RET) Cade, Ms. Massey, and Ms. Reid.

Mr. Edwards discussed the possibility of having a retreat during the January 2010 Board meeting. No decision was made at this meeting about whether to move forward with planning a board retreat.

President Moore informed the Board that the University has reached 19.1 million dollars in the silent phase of the Capital Campaign.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with § 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board convened in closed session at 3:34 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion provided that Ronald C. Forehand, Jan Greenwood, and Marion Frenche attend the closed meeting as their presence was deemed necessary to aid the Board in its deliberations.

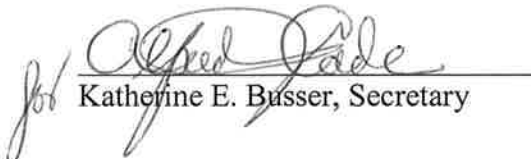
The Board reconvened in open session at 6:52 p.m., in accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the *Code of Virginia*. BG (RET) Cade conducted the poll in which all certified that the Board only discussed personnel matters and consulted with legal counsel, as provided by law. All Board members present certified compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Starkey moved that the Board authorize the Rector to enter into negotiations, amend, and execute the contract of President Moore consistent with the discussions in closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reid, and carried by roll call voice vote.

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting of the Board at 6:56 p.m.



Earnest J. Edwards, Rector


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Katherine E. Bussler, Secretary

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