

BOARD OF VISITORS

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

May 3, 2024

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**BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Governance Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 8:03 a.m. A quorum was established with a 6-0 Roll Call Vote.

Committee Members Present

Mr. Delbert Parks, Chair
Mr. Mike Andrews
Mr. Dwayne Blake
Bishop Kim W. Brown
The Honorable James W. Dyke, Jr.
Mr. Jay Jamison

Other Board Members

Mr. BK Fulton

NSU Administrators and Staff Present

Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, President
Ms. Pamela F. Boston, University Counsel and Senior Assistant Attorney General
Dr. DoVeanna Fulton, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Leonard Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Justin L. Moses, Vice President for Operations and Chief Strategist for Institutional Effectiveness
Ms. Melody Webb, Athletics Director
Dr. Tanya White, Chief of Staff
Mr. Christopher Gregory, Office of Information Technology
Mrs. Kimberly Gaymon, Scheduler/Financial Services Specialist
Ms. Sher're Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the Board of Visitors

2. Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation

None

3. Closed Session – Pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)11 and 8, Code of Virginia

Mr. Dwayne Blake read the following motion, seconded by The Honorable James W. Dyke, Jr., and with a 6-0 Roll Call Vote, the Board unanimously approved.

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Motion by Mr. Dwayne Blake

Pursuant to: Section 2.2-3711(A) 11 and 8 of the Code of Virginia, for the following purposes, pursuant to the noted subsections: (11): For discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards; and (8): along with any necessary consultation with legal counsel regarding matters noted in this motion; and that any non-committee member of the NSU Board of Visitors be permitted to attend virtually or by phone to listen in the Closed Meeting; but not participate or vote; and further that the following remain for or attend, when called, the Closed Meeting.

4. Reconvene in Open Meeting

Bishop Kim Brown read the following motion, seconded by Mr. Dwayne Blake, and with a 6-0 Roll Call Vote the Board unanimously approved.

Having reconvened in Open Meeting, we will now take a roll call vote on certification that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Board. Any member of the Board who believes that there was a departure from the requirements as stated above, shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that in his, or her judgment, has taken place.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Delbert Parks adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m. With a motion to close, with a 6-0 Roll Call Vote. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Delbert Parks, Chair Academic and
Student Affairs Committee

Sher're S. Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the
Board of Visitors

2024 Board Resolution
Norfolk State University Board of Visitors
Resolution to Award Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree
Speaker Don L. Scott, Jr.

WHEREAS, Norfolk State University seeks to honor exceptional individuals who have given a substantial part of their lives to serving others and who have distinguished themselves throughout their professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott was born and raised and well educated in the Greater Houston Texas area. He was one of six children, raised by a single mother. Even with few resources, he performed well in school and eventually enrolled in an aerodynamics magnet program at a Houston-area high school. Speaker Scott was accepted to and graduated from Texas A&M University.

WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott was enrolled in the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Rhode Island. He proudly served his country as an officer in the United States Navy before earning his law degree from Louisiana State University.

WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott in 2005, landed his big break in Portsmouth, Virginia with KRA Corporation, a workforce development company. Speaker Scott quickly climbed the ladder to the number three post in the company, attributing his meteoric rise to a love of helping others maximize their potential.

WHEREAS, In 2015, Speaker Scott started his own law practice before becoming a partner at Breit Biniazan P.C. He now serves his clients as a personal injury attorney and serves his community as an active member of several boards and commissions.

WHEREAS, Speaker Scott is a member of the Portsmouth Bar Association, the Old Dominion Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, he is also the former Chair of the Portsmouth Economic Development Authority and former President of the Southeastern Employment and Training Association. His community involvement includes memberships in the Eureka Club and lifetime memberships in the NAACP, V.F.W., Post #993 and American Legion Post #190.

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WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott was the Democratic nominee in 2019 and won the general election for the Virginia House of Delegates District 80 on November 5, 2019, as the incumbent won re-election in the general election for the Virginia House of Delegates District 80 on November 2, 2021, and re-election in the general election for the Virginia House of Delegates District 80 on November 7, 2023.

WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott, during his tenure in the Virginia General Assembly has served as the Virginia General Assembly House of Delegates Minority Leader and was assigned and has served on the

House Courts of Justice Committee, the House Finance Committee, the Labor and Commerce Committee, and the House Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott, on January 10, 2024, was sworn in as the first Black Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates in the four-hundred seventeen-year history of the Commonwealth of Virginia and having been unanimously elected to the position by House Democrats on November 11, 2023.

WHEREAS, Speaker Don Scott advocates for and champions the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia's needs, including focusing on excellence in education, a thriving economy, job growth, gun safety, and healthcare for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after due consideration, careful review, the University President, and the Board of Visitors hereby approves this resolution to award the Norfolk State University Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree to Speaker Don L. Scott Jr. which is to be presented on the 4th day of May, 2024 during the university's Commencement Exercises.

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**NSU BOV ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
ROLL CALL VOTE
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Item	Mr. Delbert Parks	Mr. Mike Andrews	Mr. Dwayne Blake	Bishop Kim W. Brown	The Honorable James Dyke, Jr.	Mr. Jay Jamison	Totals
Quorum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6-0
Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Closed: Meeting – Pursuant to 2.2-3711(A) 11 and 8, Code of Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6-0
Open Session	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6-0
Approval to Award Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree to Speaker Don L. Scott, Jr.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6-0