

BOARD OF VISITORS

Governance Committee Meeting

October 1, 2024

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Governance Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 2:07 p.m. A quorum was established with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote.

Committee Members Present

Mrs. Heidi Abbott, Chair
Dr. Katrina Chase
Mr. Gilbert Bland
The Honorable Lionell Spruill, Sr.

Other Board Members Present

Mr. Conrad Hall

Committee Members Virtual

Mr. Delbert Parks
Mr. Mike Andrews

NSU Administrators and Staff Present

Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, President
Ms. Pamela F. Boston, University Counsel and Senior Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Eric Claville, Executive Advisor to the President for Government Relations
Dr. DoVeanna Fulton, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Justin L. Moses, Vice President for Operations, and Institutional Effectiveness
Dr. Leonard Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Melody Webb, Athletics Director
Mrs. Derika Burgess, Chief Audit Executive
Dr. Tanya White, Chief of Staff
Ms. Sher're Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the Board of Visitors
Mr. Christopher Gregory, Office of Information Technology

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2. Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation

Mr. Mike Andrews and Mr. Delbert Parks provided their reasons for Electronic Participation. Dr. Katrina Chase motioned, seconded by The Honorable Lionell Spruill, Sr., and with a 4-0 Roll Call vote, the Committee unanimously approved the virtual participation of Board Members, Mr. Mike Andrews, and Mr. Delbert Parks.

3. Recommend Approval of the April 3, 2024, Governance Committee Minutes

The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote, the Minutes for the April 3, 2024, Committee Meeting motioned by Mr. Gilbert Bland and seconded by Dr. Katrina Chase.

4. Welcome of New Board of Visitors Members

Mrs. Abbott welcomed The Honorable Lionell Spruill, Sr. to the Governance Committee.

5. Old Business

Mrs. Abbott reviewed the process of Electing Board Members to serve in the position as Officers. The newly appointed positions of Rector, Vice Rector, and Secretary were discussed. There will be an election for each position, at the Annual Meeting in May 2025. Mrs. Abbott also informed of the recommendation to elect two members to serve on the Executive Committee. The election process will take place at the October 24th -25th Full Board Meeting.

The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote, to make a recommendation to the Full Board, for Mr. Gilbert Bland and Mr. Jay Jamison to serve on the Executive Committee. Motioned by Dr. Katrina Chase and second by The Honorable Lionell Spruill, Sr.

6. New Business

None

7. Upcoming Board of Visitors SCHEV Training

The upcoming Board of Visitors SCHEV Training will be held on November 12th and 13th at the Founders Inn, in Virginia Beach. Everyone is encouraged to attend on both days.

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8. Board of Visitors Policies and Procedures Update

Mr. Eric Claville discussed the Board Policies and Procedures, and the process for review. Mr. Claville also provided an update on several policies that have gone through the review process. The UVA Freedom of Speech Summit, which was held under the Governor's directive, was highlighted. The summit addressed free speech on campuses, and to ensure that all campuses were equitable. Mr. Claville provided insight into the BOV Policy # 33, The Freedom of Speech and Expression and Campus Space Utilization policy. There has been a free speech and intellectual diversity action plan created for Norfolk State University. This plan assesses the strengths, challenges, and opportunities in relation to free speech. Mr. Claville also reviewed the process for the following policies:

- BOV Policy #22, Violence Prevention Committee (VPC) and Threat Assessment Response Team (TAG)
- BOV Policy #26, Statement on Political Activities on Campus
- BOV Policy #28, Academic Freedom
- BOV Policy #33, Freedom of Speech and Expression and Campus Space Utilization

Dr. Justin Moses provided insight on Board policies from Human Resources that will be forwarded to the Board of Visitors for review. Each of those policies are being developed.

9. Other Discussion Items

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Heidi Abbott adjourned the meeting at 2:25p.m. The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote. Motioned by The Honorable Lionell Spruill, Sr. and second Dr. Katrina Chase.

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Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Abbot, Chair Governance Committee

Sher're Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the
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