

**BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2026**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order/ Establish Quorum**

Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair, called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at approximately 10:53am. A quorum was established with a 4-0 roll call vote.

**Committee Members Present**

Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair  
Dr. L.D. Britt  
Mr. Mike Andrews  
Mr. Darrell “DJ” Jordan

**Committee Members- Virtual**

None

**Other Board Members Present**

Mr. Jay Jamison  
Mr. Edward Saunders  
Mr. Dwayne Blake  
Dr. Katrina Chase

**NSU Administrators and Staff Present**

Dr. Javaune Adams- Gaston, President	Dr. Terrye Venable, Student Affairs
Bishop Kim Brown, Rector	Ms. Kenaya Street, NSU Student
Dr. Aurelia T. Williams, Academic Affairs	Mr. Raysaun Ford, NSU Student
Dr. Justin Moses, Operations	Dr. Gerald Hunter, DFA
Dr. Leonard Brown, Student Affairs	Mr. Isaiah Lucas, Student Affairs
Dr. Tanya White, Office of the President	Mr. Kentrell Kearney, Athletics
Dr. Melody Webb, Athletics	Dr. Khadijah Miller, Academic Affairs
Dr. Melissa Barnes, Enrollment Management	Dr. Andrea Neal, Academic Affairs
Ms. Phillita Peoples, Internal Audit	Dr. James Walke, Institutional Research
Dr. Danielle Williams, TRIO	Ms. Cheniqua Goode, Accessibility Services
David Simon, Dean of Students	Mr. Ronald King, OIT
Mary Banks, International Student Services	Mrs. Dericka Burgess, Internal Audit
Ms. Sher’re Dozier, Clerk to the President/BOV	Mr. Stan Donaldson, Media Relations
Mrs. Sharea’ Williams, Executive Asst. for VP Of Operations/ Chief Strategist	

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**II. Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation**

None.

**III. Recommend Approval of December 4, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. L.D. Britt to approve December 4, 2025, minutes and seconded by Mr. Mike Andrews, with a 4-0 roll call vote. The Committee unanimously approved the December 4, 2025, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting minutes.

**IV. Discussion Items**

**a. Academic Affairs Update- Dr. Aurelia Williams (I)**

**Dr. Williams discussed the following:**

1. Amplifying Academic Affairs- Center Strengthen, Communicate
2. Academic Engagement Services & Resources
3. Student Impact Spotlight- Gaston Bitting, Kya Peaks, Xavier Jones, Lafayette Robinson III, and McKenai Rice.
4. High Impact Practices
5. Faculty Scholarship Summary 2025

**The Floor was opened for Questions:**

Mr. Bland- Has there been discussion about wage programs and other programs to our top students?  
Dr. Adams- Gaston replied that there are multiple ways that we are supporting our students.

**b. Student Affairs Update- Dr. Leonard Brown**

**Dr. Brown discussed the following:**

1. Dr. Brown introduced a resolution to approve Retroactive Housing deposit fee reduction. A motion was made by Mr. Andrews to reduce the housing deposit fee from \$300 to \$200 for FY 2025. Seconded by Dr. L.D. Britt. The committee unanimously approved the Resolution to approve the Retroactive Housing Deposit fee reduction with a 4-0 roll call vote.

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2. Goal is to ensure 100% of returning students who pay a housing deposit have a room assignment before they leave for summer.
3. Ms. Sheniqua Goode- Director of Accessibility Services
4. Ms. Mary Banks- Director of International Student Services
5. Housing efforts- Additional housing at Proximity.
6. First generation students- TRIO program with Dr. Danielle Williams (students Raysaun Ford- Psychology Major and Kanaya Street- Computer Science Major)

**The Floor was opened for Questions:**

- Dr. L.D. Britt- asked about political challenges  
Ms. Banks- currently no challenges.

**\*\*\* Mr. Bland had to leave at 11:30 due to a prior obligation and Dr. L.D. Britt stepped in to cover as chair.**

**c. Enrollment Management- Dr. Justin Moses**

**Dr. Moses discussed the following:**

1. Anne Ford will start as the new University Registrar on Tuesday, March 10, 2026
2. College Advisor's Day was on 2/26/26
3. Admitted Students Day will take place on 3/28/26.
4. Enrollment Data- Headcount, FTE, Full-time/ Part-time/ Transfer

**The Floor was opened for Questions:**

**d. Athletics Update- Dr. Melody Webb**

**Dr. Webb discussed the following:**

1. APR Stability and Competitive Risk
2. Transfer portal and roster mobility
3. Track & field won the Championship
4. Special guest Coach Vick- The Coach Vick Experience on BET

**V.** A motion was made to move the meeting to a Closed session by Mr. Dwayne Blake (who stepped in, in the absence of Mr. Darrell "DJ" Jordan) and seconded by Mr. Andrews. With a 3-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously voted for the closed session, at 12:13pm.

**VI.** A motion was made by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Blake. to reconvened to an open session. With a 4-0 roll call vote. The committee unanimously voted to re-open the session, at 12:54pm

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**VII.** A motion was made for individuals for Honorary Degrees by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Andrews. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously voted for the Individuals for Honorary Degrees.

**VIII. Public Comment**

**IX.** There being no further business, Dr. L.D. Britt adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Andrews, with a 4-0 roll call vote, the Committee unanimously approved the Adjournment.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair

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Date

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Sharea' Williams, Executive Administrative Assistant  
to the VP for Operations

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Date

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE (October 23, 2025)**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Mr. Gilbert Bland (Chair)</b>	<b>Dr. L.D. Britt</b>	<b>Mr. Darrell "DJ" Jordan</b>	<b>Mr. Mike Andrews</b>	<b>Mr. Dwayne Blake</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Resolution to approve retroactive housing deposit fee reduction for FY 2025</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Closed Session</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>3-0</b>
<b>Open Session</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Individuals for Honorary Degrees</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>

**FY 2025 – 2026 BOARD RESOLUTION**  
**NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

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**RETROACTIVE HOUSING DEPOSIT FEE REDUCTION**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 23.1-307 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University (“Board”) is authorized to fix, revise, charge, and collect tuition, fees, rates, rentals, and other charges for services and facilities furnished by or on behalf of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the University currently requires a housing deposit in the amount of \$300 for students seeking on-campus housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration in partnership with the student government leadership has reviewed current student affordability considerations and competitive practices among peer institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration has recommended reducing the housing deposit fee from \$300 to \$200 to support student access, reduce upfront financial barriers, and align institutional practices with affordability goals; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that after due consideration and careful review by the University President, the Board of Visitors hereby approves the reduction of the housing deposit fee from \$300 to \$200; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such reduction shall be applied retroactively to the start of the Spring 2026 housing application cycle as presented the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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**Rector**

**Kim W. Brown Signature**  
**Norfolk State University Board of Visitors**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_