

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

MINUTES

Pursuant to Executive Amendment 28 to HB29 (2020), the Committee met by electronic communication means, without a quorum of

## REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Dr. Don Stansberry, Interim Vice President for Student Engagement and Enrollment Services reported on the results of a student survey administered in October gauging the effects of COVID on students' experiences. The majority of students' comments were negative, but the positive comments indicated they felt safe, comfortable, happy, and independent. Students who had been taking all courses online before COVID reported no change in their experiences. Students indicated what they missed most during this time was in-person social interaction with peers and faculty; on-campus student activities and student organizations; in-person programs and sporting events; and a structured schedule. Seventyone percent said the ability to access academic resources had been somewhat or significantly impacted. Dr. Stansberry reported on the COVID Care Team that supports all ODU students who have tested positive for the virus or who were in close contact with someone who tested positive. This team coordinates transportation to and from isolation and quarantine spaces, notifies faculty of student absences from class, coordinates meal delivery and the cleaning and disinfecting of rooms, and provides resources to help students succeed during their time in isolation or quarantine. Numerous live and virtual events and activities were scheduled throughout the semester, concluding with a semester send-off of activities just before Thanksgiving.

Grant Deppen, Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and Esports, provided an overview of the Varsity Esports program at ODU, the Esports facility under construction in Webb Center, and recruitment for the program. Two students active in the Esports program discussed their interest in Esports and how it has personally affected their lives.

## REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Bridget Groble, student representative to the Board, provided a semester update from the students' perspective regarding online and hybrid classes, reporting that 75.3% of fall classes were online and 12% were hybrid; 40% of freshmen were fully online. Voter registration efforts on campus included a debate watch party, a dedicated social media page, and three voting drives conducted by student organizations. ODU COVID cases for the fall semester remain low. The Monarch Food Pantry received a \$50,000 donation in July and

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.