

# WILLIAM & MARY

BOARD OF VISITORS  
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
DRAFT MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 16, 2023  
GRIMSLEY BOARD ROOM - BLOW MEMORIAL HALL

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Barbara L. Johnson, Chair  
Ms. AnnaMaria DeSalva, Vice Chair  
Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr.  
Mr. S. Douglas Bunch

Mr. Courtney M. Malveaux  
Dr. David S. Armstrong, Faculty Representative  
Ms. Gwen Galleher, Student Representative

## **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. James A. Hixon  
Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson  
Mr. Stephen J. Huebner  
Hon. John E. Littel  
Hon. Charles E. Poston, Rector

Mr. John P. Rathbone  
Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas  
Ms. Ardine Williams  
Dr. Taylor V. Brings, Staff Liaison  
Ms. Sydney E. Thayer, Student Representative

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President  
Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost  
Ms. Carrie S. Nee, University Counsel  
Dr. D. Derek Aday, VIMS Dean and Director  
Dr. Virginia Ambler, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Robert C. Knoepfel, Dean of the School of Education  
Mr. Brian Mann, Director of Athletics  
Dr. Jeremy P. Martin, Vice President for Strategy & Innovation  
Dr. Todd Mooradian, Dean of the Mason School of Business  
Dr. Carlane Pittman-Hampton, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Suzanne Raitt, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences  
Mr. A. Benjamin Spencer, Dean of the Law School  
Hon. Thomas K. Norment, Jr.  
Mr. Michael J. Fox, Senior Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Visitors  
Ms. Jessica Walton, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Visitors  
Mr. Tyler Cattini, President's Office Intern  
Members of the President's Cabinet  
W&M Staff and Faculty

## **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Ms. Barbara L. Johnson, Chair, called the Committee on Academic Affairs to order at 4:31 p.m. and provided an overview of the agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Ms. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting. The motion was made by Ms. AnnaMaria DeSalva and seconded by Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr. and approved by voice vote.

### **PROVOST'S REPORT**

Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost, gave a comprehensive report on the topic of a new school at William & Mary. Provost Agouris discussed the value of and potential in the departments of Computer Science, Data Science, Applied Science, and Physics including increased student demand, need to recruit and retain high quality faculty, and the research productivity of the faculty in those departments. Provost Agouris gave a summary of her work to brief and educate the campus community as well as the steering committee's engagement over the last year and then presented a timeline for the creation of a New School with a proposed opening in fall 2025. She thanked the faculty assembly, her staff, the steering committee, and the faculty for participating in the process. A discussion ensued regarding the new school and how the idea has also been socialized outside the community; briefing to SCHEV and what differentiates William & Mary; competitive advantage; graduate offerings and alumni support.

Provost Agouris then gave a very brief update on Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) stating that she has created a dashboard for all six to provide a quick, visual snapshot, for the Board to use in their decision making.

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President, gave an update on the process to update the Faculty Handbook, engaging both the Faculty Assembly and Personnel Policy Committees. She said they are on track to meet the one-year completion goal.

### **FACULTY LIAISON REPORT**

Dr. David Armstrong, Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors, shared that faculty have been engaged in the conversations regarding the new school and that the Provost has been very open to input. He stated that there is some concern from the faculty that the new school will siphon away resources from some departments or erect barriers to collaboration and that faculty want to be involved on the implementation committee. Dr. Armstrong noted that the handbook update is a daunting task and if any board members have feedback to please let the working group know as they are seeking broad input.

### **ACTION MATERIALS**

Ms. Johnson brought forth **Resolution 4**, Establishment of a New School at William & Mary, and requested a motion. The motion was made by Mr. Ashton, seconded by Ms. DeSalva and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Johnson brought forth **Resolution 5**, Appointments to Fill Vacancies in the Instructional Faculty, and requested a motion. The motion was made by Mr. Ashton, seconded by Mr. Courtney M. Malveaux and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Johnson brought forth **Resolution 6**, Modify the Bylaws of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science/School of Marine Science, and requested a motion. The motion was made by Mr. Ashton, seconded by Ms. DeSalva and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Johnson brought forth and requested a motion on the following resolutions:

- **Resolution 7:** Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Degree Program
- **Resolution 8:** Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Public Health Degree Program

- **Resolution 9:** Closure of Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Program

**Resolutions 7-9** were moved as a block by Mr. Ashton, seconded by Ms. DeSalva, and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Johnson brought forth **Resolution 10**, Retirement of Davison M. Douglas – W&M Law School, and requested a motion. The motion was made by Mr. Malveux, seconded by Mr. S. Douglas Bunch and approved by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.