

The Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 12 p.m. in Room 2203 in the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Donna L. Scassera, Vice Chair  
Lisa Smith (ex officio)  
Yvonne T. Allmond  
R. Bruce Bradley  
Robert S. Corn  
Kay A. Kemper  
Maurice Slaughter  
Robert M. Tata  
Linda Miller-Dunleavy (Faculty Representative)  
Rafia Haq (Student Representative)

Also present were:

Austin Agho	Judy Luedtke
John Broderick	Ellen Neufeldt
Jane Dane	Brian Payne
Traci Daniels	Brandi Ramsey
Christopher Fleming	Amin Saleh Safari
Giovanna Genard	September Sanderlin
Rhonda Harris	Don Stansberry
Scott Harrison	Rob Thompson
La Wanza Lett-Brewington	Johnny Young
Lisa Litwiller	Hannah Zach

Vice Chair Donna Scassera called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Yvonne Allmond moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting and Robert Tata seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present and voting.

Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President for Student Engagement and Enrollment Services, made a presentation on what is shared with prospective students during Open House, which included the following:

Business Insider recently ranked ODU the most affordable college in Virginia  
Beginning this fall, the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center will offer upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in nursing and telehealth training  
More than 4,000 bachelor's degrees were awarded this past year – the largest in our history

We just enrolled one of our largest freshman classes

Our innovative, hands-on learning techniques are supported by 32 SCHEV award-winning professors, and many of our professors are published authors and artists, top-level researchers, educational trailblazers, entrepreneurs, and more

Supporting the classroom instruction are programs like success coaching, peer mentoring, tutoring, advising, Brother2Brother, internships, study abroad, and the Military Connection Center

Incoming freshman are encouraged to launch their Monarch Experience with one of three unique summer opportunities: Freshman Summer Institute; Freshman Service Experience; and Study Abroad Freshman

Service continues to be a cornerstone of the Monarch experience, and this past year dental hygiene students provided more than \$100,000 in free services to the community; alternative spring breaks found Monarchs volunteering in refugee camps in Greece, working with children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities in Texas, and rebuilding oyster reefs in South Carolina; and campus ambassadors spearheaded "A day in the life of a Monarch" for the Boys and Girls Club of Norfolk that brought 180 at-risk youth to campus in July

This past spring, the Monarch Marching Band performed at Disney World, and forty of our Concert Choir sang at Carnegie Hall

In Athletics, 281 of our student-athletes made the Dean's list; our women's soccer team had the highest collective GPA of 3.5; our cheerleaders won a national championship; our football team won the Bahama's Bowl (their first championship), and the Women's golf captured the conference USA title

ODU's students thrive on our diverse campus, where every voice can be heard and every thought has value. At ODU, Monarchs create the traditions that are ODU, find place and purpose as they engage with others, and are prepared for life after graduation

Rafia Haq, student representative to the Board, presented on student admissions and the importance of the experiences for incoming students. Representatives from Preview and the Admissions Office reported on their experiences while students at ODU.

