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ODU President Broderick to Lead SURA Presidents' Council

Washington, DC – SURA announced today that John R. Broderick, President of Old Dominion University, was elected as Chair of the Council of Presidents. The Council, comprised of the presidents of member universities, provides overall direction and leadership of SURA.

“SURA is extremely fortunate to have a leader like President Broderick take over as Chair of the Council. His vision, skill, and commitment to quality research and academics will be a tremendous asset to our board leadership,” said Jerry P. Draayer, President & CEO of SURA.

Broderick succeeds Gordon Gee, President of West Virginia University, who served in that capacity since 2014. As Council Chair, Broderick will also serve as Chair of the SURA Executive Committee, with the Board of Trustees leadership. The Board of Trustees is comprised of presidential appointees from each of the SURA member institutions.

“I’m honored to serve as the chair of the Southeastern Universities Research Association’s Council of Presidents,” Broderick said. “My appointment serves as testimonial to Old Dominion’s central role at the Jefferson Lab and our rapid advances in fields from bioelectrics to cybersecurity.”

Broderick added, “My hope is to promote further collaboration and innovative research among the more than 60 institutions in SURA.”

Broderick, serving as ODU’s eighth president, was appointed in 2008. He has presided over an increase in public and private funding to the University, receiving more than \$765 million in new resources. From 2010 to 2017, the value of the University's endowment rose nearly 50 percent to \$214 million. He has held Old Dominion's enrollment to approximately 24,500 to maximize the quality of the student experience.

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