The Academic and Research Advancement Committee met on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Committee Room A of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Board were:

Carlton F. Bennett
R. Bruce Bradley
Alton J. Harris
Michael J. Henry
Toykea S. Jones
Maurice D. Slaughter
Andres Sousa-Poza, (Faculty Representative)

Absent were:
Jerri F. Dickseski
Frank Reidy

Also present were:
Augustine O. Agho
Judy Bowman
Jonathan Cawley
Jane Dané
Elizabeth Kersey
Casey Kohler
John Nunnery
Brian Payne
Jay Wright
Hongyi Wu

I. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2017 MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee recessed and reconvened in closed session to discuss the appointment of faculty representatives to Board of Visitors committees.
III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee convened again in open session. A motion was made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Slaughter to appoint the following faculty representatives to Board of Visitors committees for 2017-18: Academic and Research Advancement, Andres Sousa-Poza; Administration and Finance, Ingrid Whitaker; Institutional Advancement, Sebastian Kuhn; and Student Advancement, Linda Miller-Dunleavy. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Bennett, Bradley, Harris, Henry, Jones, Slaughter).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the resolutions on 37 faculty appointments and 41 administrative appointments. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Bennett, Bradley, Harris, Henry, Jones, Slaughter).

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

In the report from the Provost, Austin Agho presented an overview of issues considered by the Academic and Research Advancement Committee and information on honorary degree recipients for the last five years. He introduced Dr. Hongyi Wu, Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research, Batten Chair of Cybersecurity, and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, who gave a presentation information on ODU’s cybersecurity programs. Dr. Wu discussed the following topics.

- The demand for workers in cybersecurity positions
- The interdisciplinary approach used in ODU’s cybersecurity programs
- Articulation agreements with Tidewater and Thomas Nelson Community Colleges
- Outreach efforts and publicity
- Research and IT security

VI. TOPICS OF INTEREST TO BOARD OF VISITORS MEMBERS

Committee members asked for the following information at an upcoming meeting.

- ODU’s salaries as compared to our competitors
- The number of degree programs added and eliminated in the last five years