

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2024**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 11:10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Board of Visitors Room in the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee were:

R. Bruce Bradley, Presiding Chair (*ex officio*)
P. Murry Pitts (*ex officio*)
Dennis M. Ellmer
Juan M. Montero, II
Keshav Vermani (*Student Representative*)

Also present from the Board:

Robert S. Corn
Jerri F. Dickeski
Andrew Hodge
Kay A. Kemper (via Zoom)
E.G. (Rudy) Middleton, III
Ross A. Mugler

Absent from the Board:

Brian Holland
Toykea Jones
Rick Wyatt

Also present were:

President Brian O. Hemphill
Brian K. Payne
Ken Fridley
Maggie Barber
Alonzo Brandon
David Flanagan
Annie Gibson
Oscar Gonzalez
Stephanie Jennelle
Amber Kennedy
Brandi Hephner LaBanc
Jaime Hunt
Mary Jo Karlis
Donna Meeks
Alicia Monroe

Tom Odom
Chad Reed
Shannon Robinson
Nina Rodriguez Gonser
Tina Russell
September Sanderlin
Ashley Schumaker
Amanda Skaggs
Allen Wilson

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:10 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023, MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Pitts, the minutes of the November 30, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair recognized Mr. Pitts, who read the following motion: “Mister Chair, I move that this meeting be recessed, and as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1), we reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing recommendations for the award of tenure to twenty-one faculty members, an appointment of the Colgate Endowed Professor and two dual employments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bradley and approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*). In addition to the Board members present, the following individuals were present during closed session: President Hemphill, Vice Provost Brian Payne, Vice President Fridley, Alonzo Brandon, Annie Gibson, Nina Rodriguez Gonser, Jaime Hunt, Mary Jo Karlis, Brandi Hephner LaBanc, Alicia Monroe, Chad Reed, September Sanderlin, Ashley Schumaker, and Allen Wilson.

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Chair reconvened the meeting and the following Freedom of Information Act Certification was read: “Any person who believes that the committee discussed items, which were not specifically exempted by law or not included in the motion, must now state where they believe there was a departure from the law or a departure in the discussion of matters other than that stated in the motion convening the closed session. I shall now take a roll-call vote of the committee. All those who agree that only lawfully exempted matters and specifically only the business matter stated in the motion convening the closed session were discussed in closed session say “aye.” All those who disagree say “nay.” The certification was approved by roll-call vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Dr. Montero, the committee approved the award of tenure to twenty-one faculty members by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Dr. Montero, the committee approved the appointment of Dr. Justin A Haegele, Professor of Health and Physical Education, Department of Human Movement Studies and Special Education, as the Colgate Darden Endowed Professor by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Dr. Montero the committee approved the dual employments of those named, finding each employment in the best interests of the University by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ellmer and seconded by Mr. Bradley, committee members approved twenty-seven faculty appointments and fourteen emeriti appointments by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Pitts, the committee approved the following regular agenda items by unanimous vote: the proposed Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, the proposed M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering and the closure of the BSED program in Early Childhood Education. (*Ayes: Bradley, Ellmer, Montero, Pitts; Nays: None*).

Vice Provost Payne asked the Committee Chair, Mr. Bradley if the program modification for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) that was listed as item D on the Regular Agenda, could be tabled until it completed the approvals process. Mr. Bradley agreed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Brian Payne, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies, discussed four departmental name changes approved by SCHEV. The Department of Educational Foundations and Department of Leadership will be changed to the Educational Leadership and Workforce Development Department. The Department of Human Movement Sciences will be changed to the Department of Human Movement Studies and Special Education. The School of Kinesiology and Health Science will become the School of Exercise Science and the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders will become the School of Speech-Language Pathology.

Ken Fridley, Vice President for Research, introduced David Flanagan, Assistant Vice President for Research Security and Export Control, and Shannon Robinson, Associate Vice President for Research and Executive Director of the ODU Research Foundation who gave a presentation on the increasing complexity of federal research compliance regulations. Mr. Flanagan began the presentation by explaining that research security is an evolving program within US federal funding agencies, and it is aimed to protect research and researchers from risks of threats to the

research enterprise, such as undue foreign influence. Noted was the policy NSPM-33, which requires a certification from research organizations awarded more than \$50 million per year in total Federal research funding, that they have implemented a research security program that includes the four elements: cybersecurity, foreign travel security, research security training, and export control training. The Department of Defense is prohibited from providing funding to or making an award of a fundamental research project proposal when a “covered individual” is participating in a Malign Foreign Recruitment Programs (MFTRP) or to a proposing institution that does not have a policy addressing MFTRPs. The CHIPS and Science+ Act requires federal research agencies to develop policies regarding foreign talent recruitment programs. In response, Old Dominion University is currently formalizing a Research Security Program, has expanded conflicts of interest disclosures, and required training for cybersecurity, research security, foreign travel, and export control. The University also modified the travel policy to encourage travel disclosure, updated the export control program to align with best practices and partnered with Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, and George Mason University on a regional research security group.

Shannon Robinson then provided an executive summary of the strategic challenges the University is facing and the solutions that are being implemented to address these challenges. She noted that Old Dominion University’s research enterprise is growing, and we want to grow research in alignment with the Strategic Plan. The challenges strategic challenges currently faced are the increased regulatory legislation and increased compliance and reporting. The University must monitor regulations and maintain compliance in research while addressing the increased compliance. The Office of Research have implemented new policies and procedures that include process enhancements, process automations, new systems and standards to improve compliance posture, infrastructure enhancements to improve data access between Old Dominion University and the Office of Research and better automation of faculty proposal and form submissions that will enable faculty to track process and streamline communications and compliance measures.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.