APPROVED BY COMMITTEE – 9/12/2024

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 13, 2024

MINUTES

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 2:30 p.m.-4:00 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:

Toykea S. Jones, Chair
Brian K. Holland, Vice Chair
R. Bruce Bradley, *(ex officio)*
P. Murry Pitts *(ex officio)*
Juan M. Montero, II
Rick Wyatt
David Burdige *(Faculty Representative)*
Raquan (Ray) W. Griffin *(Student Representative)*

Also present from the Board:
Jerri F. Dickseski
Andrew Hodge
Kay A. Kemper (via Zoom)
E.G. (Rudy) Middleton, III
Ross A. Mugler

Absent from the Board:
Dennis M. Ellmer

Also present were:
President Brian O. Hemphill
Austin O. Agho
Ken Fridley
Alonzo Brandon
Annie Gibson
Jamie Hunt
Mary Jo Karlis
Amber Kennedy
Casey Kohler
Brandi Hephner LaBanc
Chrysoula Malogianni
Donna Meeks
Tom Odom
Brian Payne
Chad Reed
Nina Rodriguez Gonser
September Sanderlin
Ashley Schumaker
Amanda Skaggs
Allen Wilson

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:24 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 18, 2024, MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Pitts, the minutes of the April 18, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous vote *(Ayes: Bradley, Holland, Jones, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; 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 the recommendation for one dual employment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bradley and approved by unanimous vote *(Ayes: Bradley, Holland, Jones, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None).* In addition to the Board members present, the following individuals were present during closed session: President Hemphill, Provost Agho, Vice President Fridley, Alonzo Brandon, Annie Gibson, Nina Rodriguez Gonser, Jaime Hunt, Mary Jo Karlis, Brandi Hephner LaBanc, Brian Payne, 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, Holland, Jones, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None).*

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Bradley, committee members approved thirty-five faculty appointments, six emeriti appointments, and the appointments of EVMS faculty to ODU faculty upon integration by unanimous vote *(Ayes: Bradley, Holland, Jones, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None).*

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Bradley, the committee approved the following regular agenda items by unanimous vote: the proposed Ph.D. in Cybersecurity and the

closure of the MS Program in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism by unanimous vote. *(Ayes: Bradley, Holland, Jones, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None).*

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Austin O. Agho, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs presented the report on Promotions in Academic Rank effective 2024-2025.

Ken Fridley, Vice President for Research, discussed the results of the report submitted to the National Science Foundation Higher Education and Research and Development survey. Old Dominion University, like every other research institution, submits this report at the closure of every fiscal year. Dr. Fridley received confirmation this morning of the official number of research and development expenditures came in at $71.3 million, which is a 10% increase from last year. He stated that to his knowledge, EVMS has not received their final numbers yet, but he estimates theirs will be approximately $25 million, but Dr. Fridley projects that between natural grown and collaborations between ODU and EVMS, we will be north of $100 before too long. Dr. Fridley also discussed the Virginia Research Triangle, a $90million initiative to build a network between the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Teach to build collaboration in biotechnology, life sciences, and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Dr. Fridley thanked both President Hemphill and Annie Gibson who recognized the opportunity for ODU to participate in this initiative as by the time this would roll out, ODU and EVMS would be integrated. Our efforts were rewarded, and we were accepted into the approved Virginia Biotechnology Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Network. The focus is for these four universities to work collaboratively to grow that whole industry, support existing Virginia companies, and attract additional new companies to Virginia. This would not have been possible without the integration. The award is broken down as follows: University of Virginia will receive $46.5 for the Manning Institute of Biotechnology, $26.5 million for Virginia Tech's Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC, $13 million for VCU's Medicines for All Institute, and $4 million for ODU's digital patient model simulations.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.