

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2023**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 1:46-3:02 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, Chair (*ex officio*)
P. Murry Pitts (*ex officio*)
Juan M. Montero, II
Rick Wyatt
David Burdige (*Faculty Representative*)
Keshav Vermani (*Student Representative*)

Also present from the Board: Kay A. Kemper

Absent from the Board: Dennis Ellmer
Brian Holland
Toykea Jones

Also present were: President Brian O. Hemphill
Augustine O. Agho
Ken Fridley
Judy Bowman
Alonzo Brandon
Laura Delbrugge
Betty Rose Facer
Annie Gibson
Kendra Godette
Nina Gonser
Brandi Hephner LaBanc
Jaime Hunt
Mary Jo Karlis
Susan Kenter
Casey Kohler
Donna Meeks
Alicia Monroe
Brian Payne
Chad Reed

Ashley Schumaker
Amanda Skaggs
Allen Wilson

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:46 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2023, MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the minutes of the June 15, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, 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 a recommendation for the appointment of a faculty member with tenures. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None*). In addition to the Board members present, the following individuals were present during closed session: President Hemphill, Provost Agho, Interim Vice President Fridley, Judy Bowman, Annie Gibson, Nina Gonser, Jaime Hunt, Mary Jo Karlis, Brandi Hephner LaBanc, Alicia Monroe, Chad Reed, 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, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the committee approved the appointment of Dr. James E. Bartlett, II as Associate Professor with the award of tenure in the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None*).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, committee members approved 37 faculty appointments and one emerita appointment by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None*).

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the committee approved the resolution to affirm commitment of the development of the Joint School of Public Health by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nays: None*).

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Agho introduced Betty Rose Facer, Master Lecturer of World Languages and Cultures, who gave a presentation on the Language Learning Center in the College of Arts and Letters. She described services and resources provided by the Center to enhance, support, and engage students, faculty, and members of the greater Hampton Roads community in the study of world languages and cultures. The goal of the Center is to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills development supported by best practices and sound research that will contribute to the language learning/teaching experience.

Ken Fridley, Interim Vice President for Research, presented information about the Office of Research. He discussed areas of focus and priorities, the budget, sponsored program expenditures by Fiscal Year and unit, and challenges and opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.