An emergency meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors was held at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing with University leadership specific plans regarding the University’s response to COVID-19. The meeting was held electronically via the Zoom application in accordance with Va. Code Section 44-147.17. Present from the Committee were:

Toykea S. Jones, Chair  
Lisa B. Smith (ex officio)  
Kay A. Kemper (ex officio)  
R. Bruce Bradley  
Robert S. Corn  
Unwanna B. Dabney  
Alton J. Harris

Absent from the Committee:  
Jerri F. Dickseski  
Maurice D. Slaughter

Also present from the Board:  
Armistead Williams

Also present were:  
John R. Broderick  
Augustine O. Agho  
Judy Bowman  
Morris Foster  
Casey Kohler  
Donna Meeks  
Earl Nance  
Tom Odom  
Jay Wright

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:02 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 MINUTES
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Bradley, Dabney, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Smith, Williams).

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair recognized Lisa Smith, who read the following motion: “Madam Chair, I move that this meeting be convened in closed session, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), for the purpose of discussing the appointment of faculty members with tenure, tenure recommendations, and a dual employment.” The motion was seconded and approved by roll-call vote.

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

At the conclusion of 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 vote of the Board. 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.

It was moved and seconded to appoint three faculty members with tenure: Kristin Gansle in the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education, Lin Guo in the Department of Marketing, and George Noell in the Department of Psychology. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Smith, Williams).

It was moved and seconded to award tenure to 21 faculty members. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Smith, Williams).

It was moved and seconded to approve the dual employment of those named, finding each employment in the best interests of the University. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Smith, Williams).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve 22 faculty appointments. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Smith, Williams).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.