

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes  
Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 1:00-2:15 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:

Toykea S. Jones, Chair  
Kay A. Kemper, Vice Chair  
R. Bruce Bradley (*ex officio*)  
P. Murry Pitts (*ex officio*)  
Robert A. Broermann  
Brian K. Holland  
E.G. (Rudy) Middleton, III  
Armistead D. Williams, Jr.  
Nina Brown (*Faculty Representative*)  
Antra Patel (*Student Representative*)

Also present from the Board: Jerri F. Dickseski

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President Brian O. Hemphill  
Augustine Agho  
Morris Foster  
Judy Bowman  
Alonzo Brandon  
Tammi Dice  
Nina Gonser  
Jaime Hunt  
Mary Jo Karlis  
Amber Kennedy  
Casey Kohler  
Kevin Leslie  
Donna Meeks  
Alicia Monroe  
Annie Morris  
Chad Reed  
September Sanderlin  
Ashley Schumaker  
Wood Selig

Amanda Skaggs  
Allen Wilson

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2022, MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Ms. Kemper and seconded by Mr. Holland, the minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting were approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Williams; Nays: None*).

### II. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair recognized Ms. Kemper, who read the following motion: “Madam 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 appointment of two faculty members with tenure and the award of tenure to 20 faculty members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Williams; Nays: None*). In addition to the Board members present, the following individuals were present during closed session: President Hemphill, Provost Agho, Vice President Foster, Judy Bowman, Nina Gonser, Mary Jo Karlis, 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, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Williams; Nays: None*).

Upon a motion made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Middleton, the committee approved the appointment of the following faculty members with tenure by unanimous vote: Dr. Rafael Diaz, Professor with the award of tenure in the Department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering and Technology and Director of the Marine Research Cluster in the School of Cybersecurity and the proposed School of Supply Chain, Logistics and Maritime Operations, and Dr. Veronica T. Watson, Professor with the award of tenure in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Letters (*Ayes: Bradley, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Williams; Nays: None*).

Upon a motion made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Middleton, the committee approved the award of tenure to 20 faculty members by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Williams; Nays: None*).

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Dr. Williams, committee members approved 44 faculty appointments, 40 administrative faculty appointments, and 10 emeritus/emerita appointments by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Pitts, Williams; Nays: None*).

#### V. REGULAR AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Middleton, the committee approved the following regular agenda items by unanimous vote: proposed revisions to the Board of Visitors policies on Promotion in Rank, Emeritus/Emerita Appointments, and Dismissal of Faculty From Employment Due to Financial Exigency or Discontinuance of a Program of Study or a Department of Instruction. The proposed revisions will be reviewed by the Governance Committee and presented to the Board for approval at the June meeting. (*Ayes: Bradley, Broermann, Holland, Jones, Kemper, Middleton, Pitts, Williams; Nays: None*).

#### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Agho introduced Dr. Tammi Dice, Dean of the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies, who gave a presentation on student supports provided by the College. She gave an overview of the College and described support and resources provided by the College for academic support, professional resources, community building and wellness resources, and financial support. A handout listing the supports provided to students in the College was distributed.

Vice President Morris Foster introduced Dr. Kevin Leslie, Associate Vice President for Innovation and Commercialization, who gave a presentation on innovation and commercialization at ODU. He provided information on the following.

- How innovation and commercialization are defined and why we innovate and commercialize
- The innovation and commercialization process and those involved
- ODU's structure for innovating and commercializing
- Challenges to innovation and commercialization

Overall, ODU is well-positioned to capitalize on innovation and commercialization opportunities. Regional, state, and federal ecosystems are growing and maturing. Over the next two-three years, ODU will build a strong foundation to ensure that ODU is a modern player in the region for technology transfer, innovation leadership, and industry partnerships.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.