

Board of Visitors for Old Dominion University Academic and Research Advancement Committee Charter

Introduction

The Academic and Research Advancement Committee is an established standing committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University. This charter broadly defines the Committee's roles with respect to ensuring the quality of the education and research offered by the University, and reviewing and approving academic policies and standards, programs, and faculty personnel appointments and actions.

Membership

The chair and members of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee shall be appointed by the Rector of the Board of Visitors after consultation with the parties involved. A quorum shall consist of three voting Visitors who are committee members. The Rector and Vice Rector are deemed committee members for all purposes, including a quorum. A faculty member recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member.

General Purpose and Scope

The Academic and Research Advancement Committee shall be a standing committee of the Board of Visitors. It is charged with oversight of the quality of the education and research offered by the University, including but not limited to, academic policies, program approvals, and faculty personnel actions.

Committee Responsibilities

Actions that fall under the purview of the committee include but are not limited to:

- a. Review and recommend to the full Board on the academic mission, purpose, strategic plans, important academic and research initiatives, and regular and special programs of the University.
- b. Review and recommend to the full Board on awards, named chairs and professorships, and honorary degrees.
- c. Review and recommend to the full Board on faculty personnel appointments, policies, sanctions, and procedures.
- d. Review and recommend to the full Board on administrative faculty personnel appointments.
- e. Review and recommend to the full Board on emeritus/emerita status for retiring faculty and administrators.
- f. Review and recommend to the full Board faculty to be awarded tenure.
- g. Review and recommend to the full Board on faculty members to serve as non-voting representatives to each of the following standing committees of the Board: Academic and Research Advancement Committee, Administration and Finance Committee,

Athletics Committee, Audit & Compliance Committee, Student Enhancement & Engagement Committee, and University Advancement Committee.

- h. Review and recommend to the full Board on the initiation of new degree programs and termination of programs.
- i. Review and recommend to the full Board on approval of new policies or revisions to existing policies governing academic and research matters.
- j. Review and recommend to the full Board on the dual employment of immediate family members at the University.
- k. Review and recommend to the full Board on the establishment of academic departments, schools, and colleges and name changes for these units.
- l. Respond, on behalf of the Board, to requests from faculty for review of negative tenure decisions and appeals of major sanctions. In the case the committee recommends in favor of tenure, this must be approved by the full Board. A negative decision in granting tenure or an appeal thereof is final.

Meetings

The Academic and Research Advancement Committee shall meet as often as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair, normally four times per year. An annual calendar will be established.

Annual Review of Activities

Each year, the committee will receive the Annual Report on Committee Actions.

Staff to Academic and Research Advancement Committee

Chief Academic Officer [Provost]

Vice President for Research