



## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors

Andrew Hodge, Chair  
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FROM: Brian K. Payne  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kenneth Fridley  
Vice President for Research and Economic Development

DATE: October 9, 2025

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with background information for our meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes from June 12, 2025 will be presented for approval as previously distributed.

**II. Motion to Go into Closed Session**

**III. Closed Session**

The Academic and Research Advancement Committee members will receive information related to the items to be discussed in closed session.

**IV. Reconvene in Open Session**

**V. FOIA Certification Motion and Roll-Call Vote on Motion**

**VI. Motion and Vote on Closed Session Resolutions**

**VII. Consent Agenda**

Included in the consent agenda materials are resolutions recommending 45 faculty appointments.

**VIII. Motion and Vote on Consent Agenda Resolutions**

**IX. Regular Agenda**

Included in the regular agenda materials are proposals for new programs in an M.S. in Criminology, an M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, a Ph.D. in Biology, and a proposal for the closure of the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology.

**X. Motion and Vote on Regular Agenda Resolutions**

**XI. Information Items**

The report from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs will include updates on SCHEV actions, a planned search and select achievements in Academic Affairs, the Tech Talent Investment Pipeline, and the Academic Affairs Leadership Academy. Dr. Mark Rehfuss, Professor and Chair of the Department of Counseling and Human Services, and Ms. Megan Lewis, an undergraduate student in the Human Services degree program, will give a presentation on ODU's Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program.

The report from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development will provide updates on Old Dominion University's continued efforts to strengthen its research enterprise through strategic initiatives and national engagement, including the new federal model for indirect cost recovery in grantmaking, recent and pending legislation on research security and foreign influence, ODU's expanding collaborations as an R1 institution, and progress within the University's strategic research thrust areas.

**Attachments**

CC: President Brian O. Hemphill  
Ashley Schumaker  
Mary Jo Karlis

**Old Dominion University**  
**Board of Visitors**  
**Academic and Research Advancement Committee**  
**October 9, 2025**  
**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the June 12, 2025 meeting
- III. Motion to Go into Closed Session
- IV. Closed Session Agenda
- V. Reconvene in Open Session
- VI. FOIA Certification Motion and Roll-Call Vote on Motion
- VII. Motion and Vote on Closed Session Resolutions
- VIII. Consent Agenda
  - a. Faculty Appointments
- IX. Motion and Vote on Consent Agenda Resolutions
- X. Regular Agenda
  - a. Proposed M.S. in Criminology
  - b. Proposed M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - c. Proposed Ph.D. in Biology
  - d. Closure of the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology
- XI. Motion and Vote on Regular Agenda Resolution
- XII. Information Items
  - a. Report from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
    - i. SCHEV actions
    - ii. Planned search
    - iii. Select achievements in Academic Affairs
    - iv. Tech Talent Investment Pipeline
    - v. Academic Affairs Leadership Academy
    - vi. Presentations on ODU's Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program by Dr. Mark Reh fuss and Ms. Megan Lewis
  - b. Report from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development

- i. New Federal Model for IDC Recovery
- ii. Research Security and Foreign Influence
- iii. Advancing Research Through Collaborations
- iv. Update and Progress