



MEMORANDUM

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

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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: December 2, 2025

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with background information for our meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from October 9, 2025 will be presented for approval as previously distributed.

II. Consent Agenda

Included in the consent agenda materials are resolutions recommending eight faculty appointments and four emeriti appointments.

III. Motion and Vote on Consent Agenda Resolutions

IV. Regular Agenda

Included in the regular agenda materials are proposals for the closure of the B.A. program in Asian Studies and the closure of the B.A./B.S. programs in Women's Studies.

V. Motion and Vote on Regular Agenda Resolutions

VI. Information Items

The report from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs will include updates on faculty accomplishments, work-based learning initiatives, insights from a recent roundtable with the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, the AI curriculum, and outcomes from the Academic Affairs Summit. In addition, the following people will present on the General Studies major: Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Laura Delbrugge, Ph.D.; Assistant Dean for Student Success and

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Academic Excellence in the College of Arts and Letters, Ms. Tanisha Bradley; Director of Interdisciplinary Studies and Master Lecturer in English, Virginia Tucker, Ph.D.; and undergraduate student in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Mr. John Bush.

The report from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development will provide updates on initiatives designed to advance research through strategic planning and transdisciplinary collaboration. These initiatives include investments in faculty research, such as the Early Career Research Development Academy, Faculty Workshops for a Shifting Landscape, the Stimulating Transdisciplinary Research (STaR) program, the Forward-Focused Centennial Research Initiative, the Pre-Seed Program: Teaming for Transdisciplinary Research and Innovation (TTRI), the Monarch Proof-of-Concept Program: Fostering Research Commercialization Success, and Connecting Arts and Humanities with STEM2. The report will also highlight efforts to expand undergraduate engagement in team-based research through the Vertically Integrated Program for Undergraduate Research (VIPUR).

VII. Adjournment

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

Old Dominion University
Board of Visitors
Academic and Research Advancement Committee
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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the October 9, 2025 Meeting
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Faculty Appointments
 - B. Emeritus/Emerita Appointments
- IV. Motion and Vote on Consent Agenda Resolutions
- V. Regular Agenda
 - A. Closure of the B.A. in Asian Studies
 - B. Closure of the B.A./B.S. in Women's Studies
- VI. Motion and Vote on Regular Agenda Resolution
- VII. Information Items
 - A. Report from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
 1. Faculty Accomplishments
 2. Work-Based Learning
 3. Roundtable with Virginia Business Higher Education Council
 4. AI Curriculum
 5. Academic Affairs Summit
 - B. Presentation on the General Studies Major: Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Laura Delbrugge, Ph.D.; Assistant Dean for Student Success and Academic Excellence in the College of Arts and Letters, Ms. Tanisha Bradley; Director of Interdisciplinary Studies and Master Lecturer in English, Virginia Tucker, Ph.D.; and undergraduate student in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Mr. John Bush
 - C. Report from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development
 1. Advancing Research Through Strategic Initiatives and Transdisciplinary Teaming
 - a. Investing in Faculty Research
 - b. Early Career Research Development Academy
 - c. Faculty Workshops for a Shifting Landscape
 - d. Stimulating Transdisciplinary Research (STaR)
 - e. Forward-Focused Centennial Research Initiative
 - f. Pre-Seed Program: Teaming for Transdisciplinary Research and Innovation (TTRI)
 - g. Monarch Proof-of-Concept Program: Fostering Research Commercialization Success
 - h. Connecting Arts and Humanities with STEM2
 2. Engaging Undergraduates in Team-Based Research
 - a. Vertically Integrated Program for Undergraduate Research Advancing Research Through Collaborations (VIPUR)