

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2025**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 1:37 PM to 3:02 PM in the Board Room of the Kate and John Broderick Dining Commons on the main campus of Old Dominion University.

Present from the Committee were: Andrew Hodge, Chair
P. Murry Pitts (*ex officio*)
Leslie Henderson Murphy
Kedar S. Lavingia
Juan M. Montero, II
Bruce L. Thompson
D.R. (Rick) Wyatt
David Burdige (*Faculty Representative*)

Absent from the Committee: Brian K. Holland, Vice Chair
Dennis Ellmer

Also, in attendance from the Board: E.G. (Rudy) Middleton, III
Gregg Eure
Claire Wulf Winiarek
Darcy Judd (*Student Representative*)

Also present were:

Brian O. Hemphill, President	Susan Kenter
Alfred Abuhamd	Chrysoula Malogianni
Austin Agho	Tom Odom
Luanne Bowman	Kimberly Osborne
Alonzo Brandon	Brian Payne
Zachary Borgerding	Yvette Pearson
David Flanagan	Chad Reed
Kenneth Fridley	Mark Rehfuss
Annie Gibson	Shannon Robinson
Nina Rodriguez Gonser	Romina Samson
Brandi Hepner LaBanc	September Sanderlin
Stephanie Jennelle	Ashley Schumaker
Marissa Jimenez	Wie Yusef
Latoya Jordan	Wood Selig
Mary Jo Karlis	Allen Wilson
Petros Katsioloudis	
Amber Kennedy	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andrew Hodge called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the minutes of the June 12, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous vote (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

III. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair recognized Mr. Wyatt, who read the following motion: "Mr. 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 the recommendations for the initial appointment of eight faculty members with tenure and two appointments of the Batten Endowed Chair." The motion was seconded by Mr. Hodge and approved by unanimous vote (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Henderson Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

In addition to the Board members present, the following individuals were present during the closed session: President Brian O. Hemphill, Alfred Abuhamad, Luanne Bowman, Alonzo Brandon, Kenneth Fridley, Annie Gibson, Nina Rodriguez Gonser, Marissa Jimenez, Brandi Hepner LaBanc, Latoya Jordan, Kimberly Osborne, Brian Payne, Yvette Pearson, Chad Reed, September Sanderlin, and Ashley Schumaker.

IV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION

At the conclusion of the closed session, Mr. Hodge reconvened the meeting. 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 matters 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 a roll-call vote. (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Henderson Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the committee approved the initial appointment of eight faculty members with tenure and two appointments of the Batten Endowed Chair by unanimous vote. (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Henderson Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the Committee members approved 45 faculty appointments by unanimous vote. (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Henderson Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the committee members approved the resolution to terminate the agreement to participate in the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology by unanimous vote (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Henderson Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the Committee members approved the resolution for proposals for new programs in an M.S. in Criminology, and 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 by unanimous vote (*Aye: Hodge, Pitts, Henderson Murphy, Lavingia, Montero, Thompson, and Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Holland and Ellmer*).

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Report from Dr. Brian Payne, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Payne discussed 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 degree program, gave a presentation on Old Dominion University's Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program.

B. Report from Dr. Kenneth Fridley, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Dr. Fridley provided 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, Old Dominion University's expanding collaborations as an R1 institution, and progress within the University's strategic research thrust areas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.