

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes  
Thursday, June 12, 2025**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors was held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 4:01 PM to 5:30 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:      Brian K. Holland, Vice Chair  
   P. Murry Pitts (*ex officio*)  
   Dennis Ellmer  
   Juan M. Montero, II  
   D.R. (Rick) Wyatt

Absent from the Committee:              Andrew Hodge, Chair  
   Bruce Thompson

Also, in attendance from the Board:      Robert S. Corn  
   E.G. (Rudy) Middleton, III  
   Maurice Slaughter  
   Claire Wulf Winiarek  
   Darcy Judd (*Student Representative*)

Also present were:	President Brian O. Hemphill	Elspeth McMahon
	Alfred Abuhamad	Kimberly Osborne
	Orlando Ayala	Brian Payne
	Luanne Bowman	Yvette Pearson
	Alonzo Brandon	Stacy Purcell
	David Burdige	Chad Reed
	Andrew Cohen	Romina Samson
	David Flanagan	September Sanderlin
	Kenneth Fridley	Ashley Schumaker
	Annie Gibson	Luke Scrivanich
	Nina Rodriguez Gonser	Wood Selig
	Brandi Hephner LaBanc	Wayne Talley
	Stephanie Jennelle	Eric Weisel
	Rachel Jones	Allen Wilson
	Latoya Jordan	Maite Wilson
	Mary Jo Karlis	
	Amber Kennedy	
	Susan Kenter	
	Kevin Leslie	
	Chrysoula Malogianni	

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Brian Holland called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Ellmer, the minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous vote (*Aye: Ellmer, Holland, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Hodge, Thompson*).

**III. CLOSED SESSION**

The Vice Chair recognized Mr. Ellmer, 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 one faculty member with tenure and one dual employment.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and approved by unanimous vote (*Aye: Ellmer, Holland, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Hodge, Thompson*).

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, Brandi Hephner LaBanc, Latoya Jordan, Kimberly Osborne, Brian Payne, Yvette Pearson, Chad Reed, September Sanderlin, Ashley Schumaker, Wood Selig, Allen Wilson, and Maite Wilson.

**IV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION**

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Vice Chair 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: Ellmer, Holland, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Hodge, Thompson*).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, the Committee approved the initial appointment of one faculty member with tenure and one dual employment by unanimous vote (*Aye: Ellmer, Holland, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Hodge, Thompson*).

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Ellmer, the Committee members approved 64 faculty appointments and one emeriti appointment by unanimous vote (*Aye: Ellmer, Holland, Montero, Pitts, Wyatt; Nay: None; Absent: Hodge, Thompson*).

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

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

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Dr. Payne discussed the Promotions in Academic Rank effective in the 2025–2026 academic year, shared updates on dean searches within Academic Affairs, and acknowledged recent faculty accomplishments. Luke Scrivanich, the first graduate of ODU’s Management with a Major in Entrepreneurship program, shared his accomplishments and future plans. Additionally, Mr. Andrew Cohen, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Finance, presented on current entrepreneurship initiatives.

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

Dr. Fridley provided an overview of federal grant terminations and modifications, as well as strategic goals designed to promote forward-focused, impact-driven research and innovation. Mr. Kevin Leslie, Associate Vice President for Innovation and Commercialization, provided a progress report about innovation and commercialization efforts.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.