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DATE: June 2, 2026
SUBJECT: June 11, 2026 – Meeting Agenda

The Academic and Research Advancement Committee meeting will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Broderick Dining Commons on the main campus of Old Dominion University.

The following items will be discussed.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. The Committee will consider a motion to approve the minutes of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee meeting on April 23, 2026
- III. Closed Session Motion**
- IV. Closed Session**
 - A. The Committee will receive information related to the items to be discussed in closed session.
- 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. Included in the consent agenda materials are resolutions recommending 50 faculty appointments and 10 emeriti appointments.

IX. Motion and Vote on Consent Agenda Resolutions

X. Regular Agenda

A. Included in the regular agenda materials are a proposal for a Ph.D. in Data Science, the recommended closure of the BS and BA programs in African American and African Studies, and the recommended closure of the MA program in Applied Linguistics.

XI. Motion and Vote on Regular Agenda Resolutions

XII. Division of Academic Affairs Report – Brian K. Payne, Ph.D.

A. The report will include the Promotion in Academic Ranks effective in the 2026-2027 academic year, information about student and faculty achievements, an overview of centralized graduate admissions, and a Strengthening Institutional Programs grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

XIII. Division of Research and Economic Development Report – Kenneth J. Fridley, Ph.D.

A. The report will include an update on federal funding, observations from the University and across higher education, and an overview of the Old Dominion University National Security Institute.

XIV. Adjournment