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DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: September 17, 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, September 17, 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 June 11, 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 48 faculty appointments and six emeriti appointments.

IX. Motion and Vote on Consent Agenda Resolutions

X. Academic Affairs Report – Brian K. Payne, Ph.D.

- A. The report will include a review of eminent scholar appointments, a discussion of the University's Strengthen Institutional Programs Grant, an overview of the School of Cybersecurity, highlights of the Perry Honors College's successes, and an update on the University's new Center for Faculty Excellence. Dr. Rhett Epler, Assistant Professor of Marketing, will also present on how he integrates improvisation into his courses.

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

- A. The report will include an update on the Strategic Research Framework, a discussion on advancing the University as an R1 institution, and a guest presentation by Dr. Lobat Tayebi, Professor and Batten Endowed Chair and Director of the Institute for Engineering in Medicine, Health, and Human Performance, titled "Engineering the Connection to Advance Health Innovation."

XII. Adjournment