

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE – 4/21/21

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss or transact business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Board and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities. The meeting was held electronically using the Zoom application pursuant to

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Harris, the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting were approved by roll-call vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Dickseski, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Smith; Nays: None*).

II.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dickeski and seconded by Mr. Pitts, the committee approved by roll-call vote the reaffirmation of Board of Visitors Policy 1001, The Mission of the University, and Board of Visitors Policy 1002, Major Goals of the University, revisions to Board of Visitors Policy 1223, Honorary Degrees: Criteria and Procedures, a request to rename the School of Community and Environmental Health the School of Public Health, and a request to rename the Department of Women's Studies the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (*Ayes: Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Dickeski, Harris, Jones, Kemper, Pitts, Smith; Nays: None*).

## VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Committee members received information on the appointment of an unpaid clinical instructor in the School of Nursing, Jennifer Kiggans, State Senator in the Virginia General Assembly from Virginia Beach. In the report from the Provost, Provost Agho presented an update on diversity and inclusion and provided data on the gender and ethnicity of instructional faculty and administrative faculty hired and those that left the University, including reasons for their departure.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.