

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE – 6/2/22

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Academic and Research Advancement Committee Minutes  
Thursday, April 21, 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS  
Academic and Research Advancement Committee  
Meeting held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, in the  
Board of Visitors Room in the McNeese and John R. Broderick Dining Commons  
on the Old Dominion University campus. Present from the Committee were:**

- Toyka S. Jones**, Chair
- Lisa B. Smith**, Vice Chair
- R. Bruce Bradley** (*ex officio*)
- Unwanna B. Dabney
- Jerri F. Dickeski
- Alton (Jay) Harris
- Kay A. Kemper

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dickeski and seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the December 9, 2021, meeting were approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Dabney, Dickeski, Harris, Jones, Smith; Nays: None*).

## II. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair recognized Ms. Smith, who read the following motion: “Madam 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 recommendations for the appointment of a faculty member with tenure, the award of tenure to 18 faculty members, and an honorary degree. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and approved by unanimous vote (*Ayes: Bradley, Dabney, Dickeski, Harris, Jones, Smith; Nays: None*). In addition to the Board members present, the following individuals were present during C

*Kemper, Smith; Nays: None*). The School of Data Science is designed to organize data science academic and research activities (with degrees and certificates tailored to regional workforce needs) while leveraging research partnerships with nearby national labs (JLab, NASA Langley, and Wallops Flight Facility) to develop a targeted scientific focus in data science for which ODU can become a distinctive national leader. The Ph.D. degree program in Biology will be administered by the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Sciences and implemented in spring 2023.

## VI. INFORMATION cchoederi wng of

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