

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 29, 2026

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill  
President  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, Virginia 23529

Dear President Hemphill:

We have yet to receive a response to our January 13 letter concerning the role of the faculty in governance at Old Dominion University. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information.

When our Association formally conveys its concerns to an administration, the president usually provides a substantive response. This has been true even in cases that have led to investigation and AAUP censure. Fortunately, some presidents are eager to cooperate in achieving a resolution that comports with normative academic standards.

We would welcome hearing from you promptly.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure via email

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