

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
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**Meeting of the Ad Hoc
Committee on Research**

September 13, 2018

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

Board Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:

Jeffrey C. Walker, Chair

L.D. Britt, M.D.

Thomas A. DePasquale

Maurice A. Jones

Babur B. Lateef, M.D.

Frank M. Conner III, Ex-officio

Margaret F. Riley, Faculty Member

AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM: I. Opening Comments

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Committee Chair, Mr. Jeff Walker, will welcome guests.

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AGENDA ITEM: II. Researcher Perspective

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Mr. David F. Germano is a Professor of Tibetan and Buddhist Studies at the University, which has the largest such programs in the Americas; he has taught and researched at the University since 1992. Mr. Germano is director of the Tibet Center (www.uvatibetcenter.org) and the Contemplative Sciences Center (www.uvacontemplation.org) and served for a decade as director of the recently dissolved SHANTI (Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts Network of Technological Initiatives).

His original research interests were focused on Tibetan Buddhist philosophy, literature, contemplation, and history. However, for two decades he has led one of the largest international programs of engaged academic work in China, which combines research, community engagement, and exchange. In this context, he acquired deep experience in running large scale collaborative research programs in diverse areas, designing software and digital humanities initiatives to enable such collaboration, and exploring the intersection of research and community engagement. This prepared him for the founding of the Contemplative Sciences Center, in which he has acted as a research broker creating and facilitating multidisciplinary collaborative research programs in K-12 Education (The Compassionate Schools Project), contemplative patient therapy (The Lupus Project), and undergraduate education (The Student Flourishing Initiative).

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AGENDA ITEM: III. Report on Enhancing Research

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ramasubramanian will give a brief report on the roll-out of the 3Cavaliers program, research computing, and data governance. He will highlight his vision for the future where UVA creates a usable interdisciplinary research space for cutting-edge, large-scale, funded centers and institutes, as well as an incubation space for small, short-term interdisciplinary collaborations. This would be a new research building with common core facilities.