

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE PERMANENT THE STANDING RESEARCH COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS**

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Board of Visitors authorize the Board to organize itself into committees to facilitate its work; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Board of Visitors established a Special Committee on Research in support of the overarching goal of the university's *Strategic Plan, 2001-06* for Virginia Tech to become one of the premier research universities in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, in alignment with reaffirmation of that goal in the updated *Strategic Plan, 2006-12*, the Board amended its by-laws on June 12, 2006, to establish a standing Research Committee charged with advancing the research mission and goals of the university and reviewing policies and plans related to the research function; and,

WHEREAS, the June 2006 resolution passed by the Board directed that the Research Committee be composed solely of the Rector, Vice-Rector, and chairs of all of the standing committees, including the chair of the Research Committee, who is appointed by the Rector; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to give the Rector authority to appoint the membership and chairs of all standing committees of the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the June 2006 resolution stipulated that the Board of Visitors would evaluate the Research Committee in three years and determine whether the Research Committee should remain a standing committee of the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the standing Research Committee should be a permanent standing committee of the Board of Visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Research Committee will be a permanent standing committee of the Board of Visitors and this action will be reflected in the Board's by-laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the by-laws of the Board, Article 1, Section 6g, Research Committee, will be amended to read as follows:

The Research Committee concentrates on advancing the research mission and goals of the university and reviewing policies and plans related to the research function. ~~The Research Committee is composed solely of ex-officio members, as follows: the chairman of the Research Committee, Rector, Vice Rector, and chairs of the other four standing committees. Three years following the date of creation of this committee (June 12, 2006), the Board will evaluate the Research Committee and~~

~~make a determination at that time (2009) as to whether the Research Committee will remain a standing committee of the Board.~~

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors' by-laws be amended as described above to make permanent the standing Research Committee and to give the Rector the authority to appoint the membership and chair of the Research Committee.

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