

MINUTES

Ad hoc Committee on Board Committees
Meeting #3
May 4, 2022

PRESENT:

Board Members

L. Chris Petersen (chair)
Carrie Chenery
Greta Harris*
Melissa Nelson

Virginia Tech
Kay Heidbreder
Kim O'Rourke

Others present: Al Cooper, Kari Evans

*In accordance with the Board of Visitors Bylaws and §2.2-3708.2 (A)(1)(b) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, Ms. Harris participated electronically from Norfolk International Airport, 2200 Norview Ave, Norfolk, VA 23518, due to a vacation.

At 1:00 p.m., Mr. Petersen convened the ad hoc committee meeting in open session at Virginia Tech's Richmond Office, 11 South 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia. This was the third meeting of the ad hoc committee that was appointed to review the committee charges and structure of meetings in this fifth year since the new structure was implemented.

The committee continued its discussion of themes and issues raised at the first two meetings. They also discussed feedback they received from other board members since the last ad hoc committee meeting in March. The following recommendations will be brought forward to the board in June:

- 1) No change in the two-day format.
- 2) However, the student representative interviews should be moved to another day that is not part of the two-day meeting to free up some time during the March Board meeting. One possibility could be to hold interviews on the same day as the public comment session for tuition and fees.
- 3) No change in the number of committees or their basic structure. However, safety and security should be shifted from the charge of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to the Governance and Administration Committee.
- 4) Administration and Board members should continually evaluate the focus areas requiring Board attention.

- 5) The current focus is on the Innovation Campus. Rather than having a presentation on the Innovation Campus at each meeting, it could be more meaningful to have a more in-depth discussion twice a year.
- 6) An increased/enhanced focus is still needed on Research (but without a separate committee). Research should include all dimensions (sponsored/extension/outreach/ economic development) that advance Virginia Tech's regional, national, and global impact. Alternate research and higher education hot topics during information sessions. Information session presenters should pose strategic questions to facilitate more meaningful discussion.
- 7) Invite presenters from the Information Session and possibly committee meetings to the Board luncheon on the second day.
- 8) Charge the Governance and Administration Committee with revisiting the committee structure in three years and every three to five years thereafter, enforce the Board's request for 10 slides or less on PowerPoint presentations, provide supporting/additional materials in between Board meetings where appropriate, and align as much content as possible with the university's strategic plan. Each presentation should state explicitly how the topic relates to the strategic plan and whether it is for the Board's awareness, action, or to solicit the Board's advice.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.