

MINUTES

May 13, 2020

The ad hoc Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. On this date, the Commonwealth of Virginia was operating under a state of emergency as declared by Governor Northam due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was an entirely electronic meeting held via Zoom videoconference to conduct regular business as permitted by legislation passed by the General Assembly on April 22, 2020, and signed into law by Governor Northam. A quorum of the ad hoc committee was present on the videoconference.

Present

Absent

Mr. Horacio A. Valeiras (Rector)
Ms. Greta J. Harris
Mr. C.T. Hill
Ms. Anna L. James
Ms. Letitia A. Long (Vice Rector)
Ms. Sharon Brickhouse Martin
Mr. L. Chris Petersen
Mr. Mehul P. Sanghani
Mr. Dennis H. Treacy

Constituent Representatives:

Mr. Ryan King, Graduate Student Representative
Ms. Madelynn Todd, Undergraduate Student Representative

Also present were the following: Ms. Kim O'Rourke, Dr. Karen DePauw, and Dr. Frank Shushok. Six candidates whose names will remain confidential were interviewed individually. The meeting was livestreamed for the public on YouTube Live.

Rector Valeiras convened the meeting and requested a motion to go into closed session.

Motion to Begin Closed Session

Ms. Long moved that the Selection Committee of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Board of Visitors, convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711, Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of discussing:

Interview and consideration of student candidates for the graduate student representative and undergraduate student representative appointments to the 2020-21 Board of Visitors.

Pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Treacy and passed unanimously. At that point, the live stream of the meeting was suspended.

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Motion to Return to Open Session

Following the Closed Session, the public live stream was resumed on YouTube Live. Rector Treacy called on Mr. Valeiras to make the motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Valeiras made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Petersen and passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Horacio A. Valeiras, Rector

Kim O'Rourke, Secretary