

**BOARD OF VISITORS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 8, 2021

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. A quorum of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was present.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Members

Present:

Tish Long (Vice Rector)
C.T. Hill (Committee Chair)
Sharon Brickhouse Martin
Shelly Butler Barlow

Absent:

Mehul Sanghani

Constituent Representatives Present:

Eric Kaufman (Faculty Representative)
Tamarah Smith (Staff Representative)
Camellia Pastore (Undergraduate Student Representative)

Also present were the following Virginia Tech staff members:

Mac Babb, Whit Babcock, Bob Broyden, Lance Collins, Mark Gess, Alan Grant, Rebekah Gunn, Tony Haga, Sarah Hill, Patrick Hilt, Mary-Ann Ibeziako, Chris Kiel, Chris Kiwus, Elizabeth McClanahan, Liza Morris, Saied Mostaghimi, Mike Mulhare, Phil Muskovic, Justin Noble, Mark Owczarski, Ken Smith, John Tarter, Dwyn Taylor, Jon Clark Teglas, and Neal Vines

Open Session

1. **Welcome:** The Committee Chair convened the meeting and provided welcoming remarks. This included an introduction of the new University Building Official, Chris Kiel.
2. **Consent Agenda:** The Committee approved and accepted the items listed on the Consent Agenda:
 - a. **Approval of the Minutes from the March 22, 2021 Meeting:** The Committee approved the minutes from the March 22, 2021 meeting.
 - * b. **Amendment to the Resolution on the Demolition of Femoyer Hall:** The Committee approved an amendment to a prior resolution on the demolition of Femoyer Hall (Building No. 0013). This facility is a 35,500 gross square foot academic building. Constructed in 1949, the brick building originally served as a residence hall. When the facility became obsolete as a residence hall, it was transitioned to academic and program office space

through minimal renovations. Overall, the structure has received very few improvements since original construction and without major renovation will continue to require significant, sustained maintenance investment. The university seeks to demolish the structure and replace it with a residential facility. The amendment provides clarification on external consultative engagement regarding historic preservation efforts. The Committee recommended the resolution to the full Board for approval.

- * c. **Amendment to the Resolution on the Partial Demolition of the Art and Design Learning Center:** The Committee approved an amendment to a prior resolution on the partial demolition of the Art and Design Learning Center (Building No. 0196). This facility is a 22,532 gross square foot academic building. Constructed in 1931, the brick and concrete building was originally a mechanical engineering laboratory. The basement and sub-structure portion of the facility houses the Boiler Plant water treatment facility; this portion of the building will remain intact and in use. The university seeks to partially demolish the structure to allow for the growth, expansion, and support of the university's Corps of Cadets and ROTC programs. The amendment provides clarification on external consultative engagement regarding historic preservation efforts. The Committee recommended the resolution to the full Board for approval.
 - d. **Acceptance of the Capital Project Status Report:** The Committee accepted the quarterly capital project status report.
3. **Update on Agricultural Facilities Planning and Construction:** The Committee received an update from Alan Grant, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, on agricultural facilities planning and construction. Dean Grant was joined by Neal Vines, Director of Information Technology for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, to discuss recently completed technology enhancements and projects underway.
 4. **Annual Report of the University Building Official:** The Committee accepted the annual report from Chris Kiel, University Building Official, learning how that unit fosters community-wide dialogue and progress around code compliance, safety, accessibility, and much more.
 5. **Design Review for the Innovation Campus Academic I Building:** The Committee approved the design review for the Innovation Campus Academic I Building as presented by Liza Morris, Assistant Vice President for Planning and University Architect. The building is a 299,733 gross square foot facility in Alexandria. The site for Academic I is an approximately 4-acre master planned campus within the larger 65-acre mixed-use development known as North Potomac Yard. This strategic location places Virginia Tech and its future partners near the nation's capital, diverse industries, and leading tech companies, including Amazon's HQ2, amid the creation of a new, vibrant Innovation District. Academic I is a catalyst for development of the

District and provides instruction, research, office, and support spaces primarily for graduate programs including, but not limited to, Computer Science and Computer Engineering. The building envelope creates a bold new urban identity for the 'VT Experience' shaped by science, technology and engineering around sustainability, resiliency, and flexibility. The project positions Virginia Tech as a model 21st century land grant institution and moves us toward net zero and carbon neutrality goals. The project is currently in the working drawings phase. Construction is expected to begin in September 2021. Substantial completion is targeted for April 2024, anticipating classes to begin in the fall 2024 academic semester.

6. **Future Agenda Items and Closing Remarks:** The Committee discussed potential topics for inclusion on future meeting agendas.
7. **Tour of Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities:** The Committee toured recently renovated intercollegiate athletics facilities, including the ACC Network Broadcast Studio, Athletics Weight Room, and the Student-Athlete Performance Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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