

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN EXTENDED CAMPUS SITE IN ARLINGTON

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech has campus locations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and internationally; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Virginia Tech Foundation opened the Virginia Tech Research Center at 900 Glebe Road in Arlington, Virginia (VTRC-A) to further the university's research mission; and

WHEREAS, as the VTRC-A continued to expand, in November 2016, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved a simple organizational change as required by the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV); and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the second floor of the VTRC-A was approved by SCHEV to deliver self-supporting instructional programs, including undergraduate experiential learning, professional graduate education, and executive academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the university intends to relocate from Alexandria, Virginia to the VTRC-A the educational programs offered by the College of Architecture and Urban Studies in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA); and

WHEREAS, in addition to relocating the SPIA programs, the university plans to expand academic programs currently offered at the VTRC-A including the executive master's degree in business administration offered by the Pamplin College of Business and the executive master's degree in natural resources offered by the College of Natural Resources and Environment; and

WHEREAS, the university's expansion at the VTRC-A includes academic programs in support of the state's Commonwealth Cyber Initiative; and

WHEREAS, expanding the instructional mission of the VTRC-A will allow it to serve as a fully capable dual purpose (instructional and research) facility in support of the commonwealth's workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, at this stage of the VTRC-A's growth, the additional expansion of instructional programming may be classified by SCHEV as a *complex* organizational change that requires approval by the Board of Visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors approves the establishment of an extended campus site in Arlington at the Virginia Tech Research Center building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution to establish a Virginia Tech extended campus site in Arlington be approved.

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