RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE BYLAWS OF THE VIRGINIA TECH BOARD OF VISITORS

WHEREAS, legislation passed by the 2021 Virginia General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Northam expands the circumstances under which a member of a board of visitors may participate in a board meeting electronically to include the need to provide care to a family member due to the family member’s medical condition; and

WHEREAS, earlier legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2018 also provided that a board member could participate in a maximum of two meetings per year for a personal matter (distinct from a medical condition), and the 2021 General Assembly modified that limitation to a maximum of two meetings or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article I, Section 3a, paragraph 2 of the Bylaws of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors be amended as follows, effective immediately.

Additionally, providing that a quorum is physically present in one location, electronic communication means may be employed if on or before the day of a meeting, a Board member notifies the Rector or respective committee chair and Board Secretary that the Board member is unable to attend the meeting due to either (a) a the Board member’s own disability or medical condition or the Board member’s need to care for a family member due to the family member’s medical condition, or (b) a personal matter. The minutes must include the remote location of the Board member and the reason that the Board member was unable to attend; if the reason is a personal matter, the specific nature of the personal matter must be cited in the minutes. If a Board member’s request to participate remotely due to a personal matter is disapproved, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity. A Board member may participate remotely due to a personal matter no more than twice in a calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Bylaws of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors be amended as proposed, effective immediately.

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