

BOARD OF VISITORS COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023

The Committee Chairs of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met in open session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Old Guard Salon at The Inn at Virginia Tech, 901 Price’s Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Committee Chair Members Present

Ed Baine (Vice Rector)
Shelley Barlow
Letitia Long (Rector)
Sharon Martin
Melissa Nelson

Absent

L. Chris Petersen

Also present at the meeting was President Timothy Sands, Kim O’Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Cyril Clarke, Chris Kiwus, Sharon Kurek, Nancy Meacham, Ken Miller, Ellen Plummer, Amy Sebring, Jon Clark Teglas.

Rector Long convened the meeting of committee chairs and explained that the purpose was to identify topics for the Board’s August retreat and next information session in August and possibly beyond.

After discussion, the committee determined that the theme for the retreat should be the Future of Education to include the Virginia Tech Advantage and the goal of becoming a top 100 global research university. This might incorporate such topics as educational modality, opportunities and risks of AI, experiential learning, and project-based learning. The desire to obtain approval from SCHEV for continuing education credit for the board and the possibility of inviting a subject matter expert were discussed.

Because the August board meeting will be held in Roanoke, the information session should be focused around VTC. The provost suggested a theme of cancer research, which would be inclusive of FBRI and the campus. President Sands added that Carilion could be invited to come to talk about graduate medical education, for example, training for doctors who come to Carilion for their residency.

There was also some discussion about the strategic plan update that the board will receive in November and whether it might be appropriate to add or modify some of the outcomes that we measure to determine student success.

Note: Prior to each Board meeting, the IT dashboard will be updated and an IT Transformation PowerPoint including tasks marked as on time, delayed, or completed will be placed in the portal. Also, an Innovation Campus update report will be placed in the portal for the Board’s information. This enables the Board to determine at what

meetings they would like to have an in-depth presentation on specific aspects of those initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Letitia A. Long, Rector

Kim O'Rourke, Secretary