

**BOARD OF VISITORS
2023-24 STUDENT SELECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 16, 2023

The Selection Committee for the 2023-24 Student Representatives to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors held an all-virtual meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the 2023-24 Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Student Representatives to the Board.

The voting members of the ad hoc Selection Committee include the members of the Executive Committee and the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee. Non-voting members include the current student representatives and the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School, and Vice President for Policy and Governance/Secretary to the Board.

Present

Ms. Shelley B. Barlow
Ms. Carrie Chenery
Ms. Sandra Davis
Ms. Sharon B. Martin
Dr. Melissa Nelson

Absent

Mr. Ed Baine
Ms. Letitia Long
Mr. Chris Petersen

Also present at the meeting were Anna Buhle (Graduate/Professional Student Representative), Frances Keene (Interim Vice President for Student Affairs), Kim O'Rourke (Vice President for Policy and Governance and Secretary to the Board), Jamal Ross (Undergraduate Representative), Lisa Royal (BOV Operations Manager), and Aimee Surprenant (Dean of the Graduate School).

The BOV Student Selection Committee was convened at 3:00 p.m. Candidates to be interviewed applied for the position through an on-line process open to all enrolled students. The current student representatives, Jamal Ross and Anna Buhle, each had organized a screening committee to evaluate the applicants and put forward a list of candidates for the 2023-24 Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Student Representative positions, respectively, to be interviewed by the BOV Student Selection Committee.

MOTION TO BEGIN CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Chenery made a motion that the Board of Visitors Student Representative Selection Committee convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to § 2.2-3711, (A)(1) Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the positions of undergraduate and graduate/professional student representatives for 2023-24. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barlow and passed unanimously.

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MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The following motion was made by Ms. Chenery:

WHEREAS, the Student Representative 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 Board of Visitors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student 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 Committee.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and passed unanimously.

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During the closed session, the committee conducted interviews of three candidates for the 2023-24 Undergraduate Student Representative and two candidates for the 2023-24 Graduate/ Professional Student Representative and selected the finalists to recommend at the full Board meeting on March 20, 2023.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
Kim O’Rourke
Secretary to the Board

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Note: Due to an oversight, public notice of the meeting was not issued beforehand and there was no audio or video broadcast of the all-virtual meeting. However, at the full Board meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors voted in open session to approve the recommendation of the BOV Selection Committee for the 2023-24 Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Student Representatives to the Board of Visitors.

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