BOARD OF VISITORS COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2025

The Committee Chairs of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met in open session on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. in the Old Guard Room at the Inn at Virginia Tech, 901 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg, Virginia 24061.

Committee Chair Members Present	**Absent**
Ed Baine (Rector)	
Dave Calhoun (Vice Rector)	
Sandy Davis	
Nancy Dye	
Anna James	
Letitia Long	

Also present at the meeting were President Timothy Sands, Kim O'Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Simon Allen, Cyril Clarke, Rachel Gabriele, Sharon Kurek, Nancy Meacham, Amy Sebring, and Dwyn Taylor.

* * * * * * * * * * *

Rector Baine convened the meeting of committee chairs and explained that the purpose was to select agenda items for the June 2025 board meeting information session. Constituent reports are included in every information session. Traditional topics at the June meeting include presentations on the budget proposal and proposed graduate compensation.

The committee chairs selected the following topics for the board's June 2025 information session:

- Budget
- Graduate compensation
- Global distinction committee report
- Innovation Campus – faculty, research, and programs
- IT strategic plan and summary of its history and how the transformation initiative has been incorporated. Also cover the distributive nature of IT, inventory of all touch points and portals and progress towards completion of that piece. Also, any plans for mandatory annual IT security training. This could be on the agenda for Information session or G&A committee (enable full board to attend).
- Enrollment Planning (Undergraduate) – an in-depth review of different dimensions (growth assumptions, academics, housing, impact on town, revenues, etc.) involving several committees. (Possible Part 2 a year later about enrollment planning for graduate and professional programs.)

The following topics were identified for June 2025 committee meetings:

- Virginia Tech Innovation Network – President's report
- Six-year capital plan – joint B&G/FRM committees
- Promotion and tenure – ARSA committee
- Academic resource alignment - ARSA
- DEI program update in closed session – ARSA? Full board?
- Residence halls (and possibly the Undergraduate Science Bldg. and/or Transit Center) – B&G committee tour
- Athletics – info session or G&A

For future meetings, the following recommendations were made:

- November 2025 - Data on what is attracting students to VT as part of the annual enrollment management update - ARSA.
- Athletics – deeper dive into risks – possibly CAR Committee or tabletop exercise in the spring including two BOV members.

Measures are being implemented to organize the large quantity of board materials to make it more manageable for board members to prepare for board meetings.

* * * * * * * * * * *

Note: Prior to each meeting, an Innovation Campus update report will be placed on the portal and in-depth presentations will be provided to the board twice a year: Faculty, research, and programs in June; and students, curriculum, and services in November.

As a reminder, the committee chairs agreed at a prior meeting that it will no longer be necessary to update the IT dashboard and provide an IT Transformation presentation with status of projects prior to each meeting; rather there will be periodic forward-looking updates by the new VP for Information Technology.

* * * * * * * * * * *

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

_____
Edward H. Baine, Rector

_____
Kim O'Rourke, Secretary