

BOARD OF VISITORS COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

The Committee Chairs of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met in open session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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

Ed Baine (Rector)
 Dave Calhoun (Vice Rector)
 Nancy Dye
 Anna James

Absent

Letitia A. Long
 Sandy Davis

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 March 2025 board meeting. Constituent reports are included in every information session. Traditional topics at the March meeting include updates on tuition and fees and a legislative update.

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

- Tuition and fees
- Legislative update including potential implications for endowments and the Department of Education
- Overall regional strategy for Northern Virginia including administrative structure, rebranding of the campus, new institute, Coalition for Smart Construction, etc.
- Athletics

The following topics were identified for March 2025 committee meetings:

- Virginia Tech Innovation Network – President's report
- Six-year capital plan – joint B&G/FRM committees
- Promotion and tenure process – ARSA committee

For future meetings, the following recommendations were made:

June 2025 Information Session

- Innovation Campus – faculty, research, and programs
- Global Distinction committee report

- 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 any of the following: Information session, G&A committee, or CAR committee.

June 2025 committee meetings

- Athletics – deeper dive into risks – possibly CAR Committee in June or tabletop exercise in the spring including two BOV members.

There was also a discussion of ways in which 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.

The committee chairs agreed 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 8:10 a.m.

Edward H. Baine, Rector

Kim O'Rourke, Secretary