BOARD OF VISITORS COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2023

The Committee Chairs of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met in open session on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at the Inn at Virginia Tech in the Old Guard Salon, 901 Price’s Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Committee Chairs Present Absent
Ed Baine (Rector) 
Dave Calhoun (Vice Rector)  
Carrie Chenery  
Greta Harris  
Anna James  
L. Chris Petersen

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

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Rector Baine convened the meeting of committee chairs and explained that the purpose was to select information session agenda items for the April 2024 board meeting. Constituent reports are included in every information session.

The committee chairs selected the following topics for the board’s April 2024 information session:

- General Assembly update
- Tuition and fees
- Northern Virginia briefing – organization, administrative structure, etc.
- IT Transformation – first look at business assessment.
- Time permitting – Future of education: bridge experiences, internships (to be included on June info session agenda if this can’t be accommodated in April.

The committee chairs also endorsed the following topics for the June 2024 information session:

- International strategy for global programs
- Housing affordability – Blacksburg and other campuses
- Master plan update, accessibility (could be B&G if not info session)

Potential committee topics for April 2024:
- FRM – Resource reallocations
- ARSA – Semiconductors, Tech Hub funding
Other topics previously identified include:
- Discussion of whether the outcomes that we measure to assess student success (as part of the Strategic Plan dashboard) are appropriate or need to be changed.
- Title IX briefing – changes in the law, penalties, number of cases, etc. (Polidoro)
- Sexual Violence Prevention Initiative (SVPI) briefing (Oaks)

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The Innovation Campus has been discussed as a possible site for the August 2024 BOV retreat/meeting, but the new building may not be ready for meetings until November 2024. Alternatively, it may be possible to have the August 2024 meeting in Arlington with a tour of the new Innovation Campus building (if CO is obtained).

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Prior to each board meeting:
1. 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; and
2. An Innovation Campus update report will be placed on the portal and

Also, in-depth presentations about the Innovation Campus will be provided to the board twice a year:
- June - Faculty, research, and programs; and
- November - Students, curriculum, and services.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

Edward H. Baine, Rector

Kim O'Rourke, Secretary