

**President's BOV Remarks**  
**August 29, 2016**  
**Meeting of the Full Board**

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Nancy V. Dye

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring William Fairchild

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring B. K. Fulton

Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Governing Board Annual Certification

Report of Research and Development Disclosures (no action required)

Remarks:

- Welcome, new BOV members, Chris Peterson, Greta Harris and Jeff Veatch
- The year has begun with energy, momentum and relatively few surprises. Our entering class is the second largest ever (census to come) and we are in a much better place in terms of housing than we were at this time last year. RAs have their own rooms, and lounges and other common spaces are starting the year without students living in them.
- The buzz on campus is around the two new food trucks – The Periodic Table and the Grillfield – as well as the spectacular new “Classroom Building.” Thanks to Patty Perillo, Sherwood Wilson, and the provost’s office.
- VTC SOM acquisition and integration, and the VTC HS&T campus in the Roanoke Innovation Corridor (thanks Nancy Agee)
- VT-shaped Student toward the VT-shaped University
- Beyond Boundaries (Rosemary Blieszner); Regina Dugan (VT alumna) leads Facebook’s Building 8 will deliver first presidential BB Lecture on “Rapid Innovation” at the Moss Arts Center, 5:30 PM August 31<sup>st</sup>. Regina would like the name of our classroom building.
- Philanthropy, Record year for cash gifts and new gift commitments (both above \$100M for the first time). Thanks Charlie Phlegar.
- Research starting off with some big wins, including the \$19M NSF-supported Molecular Sciences Software Institute led by professor of Chemistry and Ethyl Corporation Chair, T. Daniel Crawford.

- Partnerships: stay tuned for some big announcements about major partnerships for Virginia Tech.
- Announce First Annual State of the University address, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Moss, 3:15 p.m. open doors