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Annual Report of the Interim Activity and Work of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) during 2014

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Enabling Authority

§ 23-2.05

Executive Summary

The Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) has taken multiple actions to ensure compliance with the provisions of the legislation as described below:

As stated in the *Code of Virginia § 23-2.05*, the boards of visitors of each public institution of higher education and the State Board for Community Colleges shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual executive summary of its interim activity and work no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly.

During 2014, the Board held four regular meetings on March 23-24, June 1-2 (annual organizational meeting), September 14-15, and November 9-10. In conjunction with the November meeting, the Board met with the President of the university in closed session to review goals set by the President and to deliver an evaluation of the President's performance for the five months since assuming the position. In conjunction with each of the regular meetings, the standing committees of the Board also met. These include: Academic Affairs, Buildings and Grounds, Finance and Audit, Student and Athletic Affairs, and Research.

The university experienced a presidential transition during 2014. Dr. Charles Steger served as the university's 15th President, stepping down from that position on May 31. Dr. Timothy Sands assumed the position as the university's 16th President on June 1, 2014.

The following is a list of actions that were taken by the Board during 2014:

March 24, 2014

- Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach b 03-24-14.pdf
- 2. Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nanoscience http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_c_03-24-14.pdf
- 3. Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_d_03-24-14.pdf
- Approval of the Demolition of University Building 433J http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_f_03-24-14.pdf

- 5. Approval of the Smithfield Plantation Historic Easement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_g_03-24-14.pdf
- 6. Approval of the Year-to-Date Financial Performance Report (July 1, 2013 December 31, 2013) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach i 03-24-14.pdf
- 7. Approval of 2014-15 Compensation for Graduate Assistants http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach j 03-24-14.pdf
- 8. Approval of the Capital Project for Constructing the Marching Virginians Practice Facility http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_k_03-24-14.pdf
- 9. Approval of the Capital Project for Planning the Health Center Improvements http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_1_03-24-14.pdf
- 10. Approval of the Capital Project for Planning the South Recreation Field Replacement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_m_03-24-14.pdf
- 11. Approval of the Capital Project for the New Athletic Field Housing Financing Plan http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_n_03-24-14.pdf
- Approval of the Appointment to the Virginia Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach p 03-24-14.pdf
- 13. Naming of a University Facility http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach s 03-24-14.pdf
- 14. Approval of Emeritus Requests http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach t 03-24-14.pdf
- 15. Approval of Endowed Chairs, Professorships, or Fellowships http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_u_03-24-14.pdf
- Approval of Change in Name of the Commonwealth Professorships to Rolls Royce Commonwealth Professorships http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_v_03-24-14.pdf
- 17. Faculty Research Leave Requests http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_w_03-24-14.pdf
- 18. Ratification of the Personnel Changes Report http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach_x_03-24-14.pdf
- 19. Appreciation for President Charles W. Steger http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-03-24minutes/attach y 03-24-14.pdf

June 2, 2014

- 20. Approval to Appoint a Director to Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Inc. http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_b-06-02-14.pdf
- 21. Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_c_06-02-14.pdf
- 22. Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach d 06-02-14.pdf
- 23. Approval of Changes to Administrative and Professional Faculty Grievance Processes http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_e_06-02-14.pdf
- 24. Approval of New Practice on Progress to Promotion to Professor http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_f_06-02-14.pdf
- 25. Approval of Reappointments to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_h_0-6-02-14.pdf
- 26. Approval of Appointment to the New River Valley Regional Water Authority http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach i 06-02-14.pdf
- 27. Approval of Demolition of University Buildings Comprising the Dairy Science Complex http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach j 06-02-14.pdf
- 28. Approval of Appalachian Power Company Easement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_l_06-02-14.pdf
- 29. Approval of the Year-to-Date Financial Performance Report (July 1, 2013 March 31, 2014) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_n_06-02-14.pdf
- 30. Approval of the 2014-2015 Faculty Compensation Plan http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_o_06-02-14.pdf
- 31. Approval of Tuition and Fee Rates for 2014-15 http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_p_06-02-14.pdf
- 32. Approval of the 2014-2015 University Budgets: Operating and Capital, Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission, and Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach g 06-02-14.pdf
- 33. Approval of the 2014-2015 Auxiliary Systems Budgets: Dormitory and Dining Hall System, Electric Service System, University Service System, and Intercollegiate Athletics System http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_r_06-02-14.pdf

- 34. Approval of the 2014-2015 Pratt Fund Budgets Proposal http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_s_06-02-14.pdf
- Approval to Reappoint University Commissioner to the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission

http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_t_06-02-14.pdf

- 36. Approval of McBryde 100 Classroom Renovation http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_u_06-02-14.pdf
- 37. Approval of Changes to Policy 8220: Clarification of Security Personnel http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_w_06-02-14.pdf
- 38. Approval of Changes to the Hokie Handbook: Expansion of Student Conduct Procedures http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach x 06-02-14.pdf
- 39. Naming University Facilities http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_z_06-02-14.pdf
- 40. Approval of Emeritus Status http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach aa 06-03-14.pdf
- 41. Approval of Endowed Professorships and Fellowships http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_bb_06-02-14.pdf
- 42. Ratification of the 2014-2015 Promotion, Tenure, and Continued Appointment Program http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_cc_06-02-14.pdf
- 43. Ratification of Personnel Changes http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-06-02minutes/attach_dd_06-02-14.pdf

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- 44. Ratification of Changes to the 2014-2015 Faculty Handbook http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach b 09-15-14.pdf
- 45. Approval Changes to University Policy 1025: Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_c_09-15-14.pdf
- 46. Approval of Appointments to the New River Regional Water Authority http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach e 09-15-14.pdf
- 47. Approval of Hoge Estate Easement and Land Exchange http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach f 09-15-14.pdf
- 48. Approval of Appalachian Power Company Easement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_g_09-15-14.pdf

49. Approval of the Sale of Timber at the Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC)

http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach h 09-15-14.pdf

- 50. Approval of the Virginia Department of Transportation Nottoway County Bridge Replacement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach i 09-15-14.pdf
- 51. Approval of Demolition of University Buildings http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach j 09-15-14.pdf
- 52. Approval of the Year-to-Date Financial Performance Report (July 1, 2013 June 30, 2014) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach | 09-15-14.pdf
- 53. Approval of Constructing the South Recreation Field Surface Replacement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach m 09-15-14.pdf
- 54. Approval of Appointments to the Virginia Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach o-09-15-14.pdf
- 55. Approval for Exclusion of Certain Officers/Directors http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach p 09-15-14.pdf
- 56. ACC Governing Board Annual Certification http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach s 09-15-14.pdf
- 57. Honoring William Holtzman, Suzanne Obenshain, and John Rocovich http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_t_09-15-14.pdf
- 58. Naming of University Facilities http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_u_09-15-14.pdf
- 59. Emeritus and Emeriti Status http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_v_09-15-14.pdf
- 60. Endowed Chairs, Professorships, or Fellowships http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_w_09-15-14.pdf
- 61. Approval Exemption to the Conflict of Interest Act http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach_x_09-15-14.pdf
- 62. Ratification of Personnel Changes http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach y 09-15-14.pdf
- 63. Approval to Request the Establishment of An Operating Fund in the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc.

http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-09-15minutes/attach z 09-15-14.pdf

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- 64. Approval of the Master of Arts Degree in Women's and Gender Studies http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach b 11-10-14.pdf
- 65. Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Systems Biology http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach c 11-10-14.pdf
- 66. Approval to Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Humanities, Science, and Environment http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach d 11-10-14.pdf
- 67. Approval to Reaffirm University Policies on Awarding Credits to Students for Military Education Training http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach e 11-10-14.pdf
- 68. Approval for Partial Relocation of Blacksburg-Virginia Polytechnic Institute Sanitation Authority Easement http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach_g_11-10-14.pdf
- Approval to Clarify Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority Board of Visitors November 18, 2013 Resolution http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach h 11-10-14.pdf
- 70. Approval of Demolition of University Buildings http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach i 11-10-14.pdf
- 71. Approval of the Year-to-Date Financial Performance Report (July 1, 2014-September 30, 2014) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach_k_11-10-14.pdf
- 72. Approval of Revisions to the 2014-2020 Six-Year Plan http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach | 11-10-14.pdf
- 73. Approval of the Pratt Fund Program and Expenditures Report http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach m 11-10-14.pdf
- 74. Approval of External Awards http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach_q_11-10-14.pdf
- 75. Approval of Naming University Facilities (8) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach_q_11-10-14.pdf
- 76. Approval of Emeritus Status (4) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach s 11-10-14.pdf
- 77. Approval of Endowed Chairs, Professorships, and Fellowships (2) http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach_t_11-10-14.pdf

- 78. Ratification of the Personnel Changes Report http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach_u_11-10-14.pdf
- 79. Approval of the 2014-2015 Faculty Salary Programs http://www.bov.vt.edu/minutes/14-11-10minutes/attach v 11-10-14.pdf