

President's Report to the BOV
Monday, March 21st, 2016

1. Overview of Beyond Boundaries and progress to date (summary of Sunday afternoon session).
 - a. Emerging Destination Areas, to be solidified after stakeholder and partner review in the NCR at the end of March.
2. Development of the Health Science & Technology Innovation Hub in Roanoke.
3. Record applications for undergraduate admission for Class of 2020.
 - a. 12% increase overall over last year's record.
 - b. Increases in every category/college, including 8% increase in in-state applications.
 - c. Most diverse applicant pool in history.
4. Overview of recently completed session of the General Assembly.
 - a. Great success overall for Virginia Tech and for research universities.
 - b. Additional operating funds permit lowest increase in tuition and fee rates in last 15 years.
 - c. Virginia Research Investment Fund, modeled after the Georgia Research Alliance, allows competitive process to secure matching funds for recruiting and retaining talent, with a priority for cross-sector partnerships and collaboration across Virginia's research institutions.
 - d. Excellent outcome for capital (still tentative until Governor signs), including construction authorization for VTC HS&T, Phase I of animal facilities (229), Holden Hall, and chiller plant; planning authorization for Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building.
5. Overview of media highlights.
 - a. Marc Edwards and Flint team.
 - b. Buzz Williams and National Anthem.
 - c. SXSW.
6. Personnel updates.
 - a. Theresa Mayer, VPRI.
 - b. Menah Pratt-Clarke, VP for Strategic Affairs and Vice Provost for Inclusion & Diversity.
 - c. Mike Friedlander, VP for HS&T.
7. Overview of Alliance for Better Childcare Strategies.