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.


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.