

Resolution Reaffirming the Naming of the Steger Center for International Scholarship

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RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE NAMING OF THE STEGER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2014, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved the naming of the Steger Center for International Scholarship in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland, in honor of Virginia Tech President Emeritus Charles W. Steger; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, Virginia Tech staff submitted documentation to the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) to formally establish the off-campus site and provided information about the site including the address, website, and course offerings at that time. However, the documentation inadvertently was submitted to SCHEV with the previous name/title instead of the approved name as changed by the university in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, an organizational change is being proposed to SCHEV to correctly identify and record the site name, and this requires that the Board of Visitors reaffirm the naming that it approved in June 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby reaffirms its action of June 2, 2014, to name the Steger Center for International Scholarship (copy of BOV minutes attached).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors hereby reaffirms the naming of the Steger Center for International Scholarship originally approved on June 2, 2014.

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Virginia Tech Organizational Change, Off-Campus Site Name Change

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Institution

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Nature of Proposed Change

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) requests permission to change the name of its off-campus site, “Center for European Studies and Architecture” to “Steger Center for International Scholarship.” The off-campus site is located in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland. This will be a change in name only.

Steger Center for International Scholarship
 Villa Madernia, via Settala 8
 6826 Riva San Vitale
 Switzerland
 Website: <https://stegercenter.vt.edu>

Background

The “Center for European Studies and Architecture” was established in 1992 as an off-campus site to support architecture students in learning more about European architecture. At that time, the dean of the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design (previously named the College of Architecture and Urban Studies), Dr. Charles Steger, established local partnerships, secured philanthropic support, and led the effort to secure the Villa Madernia. Since its origination, the breadth of academic and scholarly activities has grown beyond the study of European architecture. Currently, the off-campus site offers a wide variety of opportunities for Virginia Tech students to enhance their learning and scholarship experiences by gaining a global perspective through study abroad.

During the spring and summer of 2014, the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) conducted an audit of off-campus sites for all public institutions in Virginia. During the “Off-campus Site” project, SCHEV staff asked staff at Virginia Tech to verify and report all off-campus sites for the university. During May and June 2014, Virginia Tech staff began working with SCHEV staff to establish an official record of all of the university’s off-campus sites.

In spring of 2014, the university’s Commemorative Tributes Committee met and discussed the name of the off-campus site. The committee decided to recommend the off-campus site be renamed to honor the university’s president. In June of 2014, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., approved the renaming of the site. Virginia Tech’s Board of Visitors (BOV) also approved the name change. In October 2014, in response to SCHEV’s audit of off-campus sites, Virginia Tech staff submitted information for the off-campus site to SCHEV.

In July of 2022, Virginia Tech’s staff conducted a thorough and extensive review of Virginia Tech’s documentation of the institution’s off-campus sites. Staff also reviewed the SCHEV website for “Off-Campus Sites.” Virginia Tech’s staff contacted SCHEV staff to discuss what appeared to be a discrepancy in the name of the site. In July 2022, the provost and Virginia

Tech's staff discussed the error. It was determined that the university needed to propose an organizational change for the name of the off-campus site.

Appendix A presents an excerpt of the meeting minutes of the Board of Visitors.

Purpose of Proposed Change

The purpose of the proposed name change is to change the name of the off-campus site to honor Dr. Charles Steger and to reflect the breadth of programming and activities offered at the site.

Mission

The proposed organizational change will not alter the university's mission. The mission of Virginia Tech states:

“Inspired by our land-grant identity and guided by our motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech is an inclusive community of knowledge, discovery, and creativity dedicated to improving the quality of life and the human condition within the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the world.”

The proposed organizational change supports the institution's mission as an “inclusive community of knowledge, discovery, and creativity” by incorporating the term “international scholarship” to represent the global perspectives and experiences offered to Virginia Tech students at the site. The proposed name change underscores the institutional commitment to supporting and “improving the quality of life” through academic and scholarship endeavors “throughout the world.”

Rationale for Proposed Change

The name of the off-campus site is important as it indicates the connection to the university. The proposed name is needed and will help the institution in two ways: 1) honor a former president; and 2) correct an error.

Honor Former President

While serving as dean of the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design (previously named the College of Architecture and Urban Studies), Dr. Charles Steger served a pivotal role in establishing the original “Center for European Studies and Architecture” off-campus site. Under Dr. Steger's leadership as Virginia Tech's fifteenth president, his vision for the site included the expansion of programming and student and faculty opportunities beyond a focus on Europe and architecture. Through his leadership efforts, the site became a regional destination for Virginia Tech students and faculty to engage in a comprehensive portfolio of international learning and scholarship. As such, Virginia Tech leadership, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., and the Board of Visitors endorsed and voted to rename the site in his honor. The proposed organizational change to rename the off-campus site will ensure the university honors Dr. Steger's contributions to the site and international academia, collaboration, and scholarship.

Correction

In October 2014, Virginia Tech staff submitted the documentation to the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) to formally establish the off-campus site. Virginia Tech provided information about the site including the address, website, and course offerings at that time. In providing the documentation to SCHEV, staff inadvertently submitted information for the off-campus site with the previous name/title instead of the approved name as changed by the university in June 2014. Therefore, the proposed organizational change is needed to correctly identify and record the site name with SCHEV.

Academic Programs

The proposed name change will not alter or impact the types of academic programs offered at the off-campus site. The format for offering coursework will remain the same.

No full degree programs are currently offered at this off-campus site. Different academic units on the main campus in Blacksburg offer courses on a rotating basis at the off-campus site. This format is currently used to offer a variety of courses from different academic units and, the coursework offered depends on faculty sponsorship.

The following reflects a sample of the academic units offering coursework at the off-campus site.

College of Architecture, Arts, and Design

Courses from the following academic programs are offered.

Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARCH.) in Architecture
 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.A./B.F.A.) in Art
 Art History, Minor

College of Engineering

Courses from the following academic program are offered.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Civil Engineering

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Courses from the following academic programs are offered.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Communication
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Economics
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Foreign Languages
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Geography
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History
 Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Human Development
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in International Studies
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Public and Urban Affairs
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Religion and Culture

Communication, Minor
International Relations, Minor
International Studies, Minor
Italian, Minor
National Security and Foreign Affairs, Minor
Political Science, Minor

College of Natural Resources and Environment

Courses from the following academic program are offered.

Master of Natural Resources (M.N.R.) in Natural Resources

College of Science

Courses from the following academic programs are offered.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Geosciences
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Neuroscience
Geosciences, Minor

Graduate School

Courses in the following certificate program are offered.

Graduate Certificate in Future Professoriate

Resources/Budget

Administration

There will be no changes in the site's administration or staff as a result of the proposed name change. Current administration and staff positions include an Executive Director and an Assistant Director.

Faculty

Coursework will continue to be taught by Virginia Tech faculty. There will be no changes in faculty as a result of the proposed name change.

Space

The proposed name change will not result in any new space requirements. The location has adequate space for all operations.

Miscellaneous

There are no projected costs associated with the proposed name change. All materials and signage changes were completed in 2014. No additional expenses are required to implement the proposed name change. No new positions will be needed to implement the name change. Off-campus site administration, administrative support, and location will not be changed by the proposed name change. Virginia Tech has adequate and sufficient resources to support the proposed organizational change. No new resources will be requested from the state to initiate or

sustain the organizational change to change the name the off-campus site located in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland.

Appendices

Appendix A
Board of Visitors Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014

The official document for the Board of Visitors meeting is 541 pages. An excerpt is being provided.

Virginia Tech Board of Visitors Meeting June 1-2, 2014

Information Session

Minutes

- A. **Minutes:** Academic Affairs Committee
- B. **Resolution:** Approval to Appoint a Director to Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Inc.
- C. **Resolution:** Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management
- D. **Resolution:** Approval of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience
- E. **Resolution:** Approval of Changes to Administrative and Professional Faculty Grievance Processes
- F. **Resolution:** Approval of New Practice on Progress to Promotion to Professor
- G. **Minutes:** Buildings and Ground Committee
- H. **Resolution:** Approval of Reappointments to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority
- I. **Resolution:** Approval of Appointment to the New River Valley Regional Water Authority
- J. **Resolution:** Approval of Demolition of University Buildings Comprising the Dairy Science Complex
- K. **Resolution:** Approval of Demolition of University Buildings 440 and 440L
- L. **Resolution:** Approval of Appalachian Power Company Easement
- M. **Minutes:** Finance and Audit Committee
- N. **Resolution:** Approval of the Year-to-Date Financial Performance Report (July 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014)
- O. **Resolution:** Approval of the 2014-2015 Faculty Compensation Plan
- P. **Resolution:** Approval of Tuition and Fee Rates for 2014-15
- Q. **Resolution:** 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
- R. **Resolution:** Approval of the 2014-2015 Auxiliary Systems Budgets: Dormitory and Dining Hall System, Electric Service System, University Service System, and Intercollegiate Athletics System
- S. **Resolution:** Approval of the 2014-2015 Pratt Fund Budgets Proposal
- T. **Resolution:** Approval to Reappoint University Commissioner to the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission
- U. **Resolution:** Approval of McBryde 100 Classroom Renovation
- V. **Minutes:** Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

- W. [Resolution](#): Approval of Changes to Policy 8220: Clarification of Security Personnel
- X. [Resolution](#): Approval of Changes to the Hokie Handbook: Expansion of Student Conduct Procedures
- Y. [Report](#): Research and Development Disclosures
- Z. [Resolutions](#): Naming University Facilities (4)
- AA. [Resolutions](#): Approval of Emeritus Status (6)
- BB. [Resolutions](#): Approval of Endowed Professorships and Fellowships (2)
- CC. [Resolution](#): Ratification of the 2014-2015 Promotion, Tenure, and Continued Appointment Program (88)
- DD. [Resolution](#): Ratification of Personnel Changes
- EE. [Reports](#): Constituent Remarks

Motion to Return to Open Session

Following the Closed Session, members of the media, students, and the public were invited to return to the meeting. Rector Quillen called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Petrine to make the motion to return to open session.

Ms. Petrine made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Visitors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Visitors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rocovich and passed unanimously.

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Upon motion by Mr. Rocovich and second by Mr. Holtzman, unanimous approval was given to the resolutions for approval of **Naming of a University Facility (4)** as considered in Closed Session. (Copy filed with the permanent minutes and marked Attachment Z.)

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Upon motion by Ms. Obenshain and second by Mr. Rocovich, approval was given to the resolutions for Approval of **Emeritus status (6)** as considered in Closed Session. (Copies filed with the permanent minutes and marked Attachment AA.)

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**RESOLUTION ON NAMING THE CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES AND
ARCHITECTURE AT RIVA SAN VITALE FOR CHARLES W. STEGER '69**

WHEREAS, while serving as dean of Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Dr. Charles W. Steger championed the purchase of an 18th century villa in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland by the Virginia Tech Foundation in 1991; and

WHEREAS, today, the villa houses Virginia Tech's hallmark international facility currently known as the Center for European Studies and Architecture (CESA), and is used by students from numerous colleges within our university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steger has served as a founding member of the Olivio Ferrari Foundation Board of Directors, established to be the guiding force for international academia and collaboration, in addition to providing direction for the management of the Center for European Studies and Architecture; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's ownership of this facility on behalf of the University—as well as Virginia Tech's growing education efforts overseas—are credits to Dr. Steger's vision and leadership as the University's fifteenth president; and

WHEREAS, the center will fully achieve Dr. Steger's bold vision this summer (2014) with the completion of a major renovation and expansion; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the university's Commemorative Tributes Committee, the Virginia Tech Foundation and Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors wish to pay tribute to Dr. Steger's legacy by naming the facility the STEGER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc. hereby approves the naming of center as the STEGER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP to honor Dr. Steger's contributions to Virginia Tech and as a tribute to his long dedication to international scholarship by naming our most prominent international education home after him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) affirms the naming in honor of Dr. Steger through joint resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above joint resolution naming the Steger Center for International Scholarship be approved.

June 2, 2014