

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DELINEATION OF THE CORE CAMPUS AND  
THE UTILIZATION OF HOKIE STONE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAMPUS BUILDINGS WITHIN  
THE CORE CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, upon entering the central portion of the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus visitors immediately notice a distinct attractive and limestone facade on campus buildings; and,

**WHEREAS**, originally known as “our native stone” when first used in campus building construction because it is mined at a local quarry, today this unique limestone, is known by the moniker “Hokie Stone;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the innovative ‘set-in-stone’ vision to use this native stone implemented by the early university presidents has largely endured and today remains a critical Virginia Tech architectural tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, previous Boards of Visitors have confirmed the university’s commitment to the use of Hokie Stone, including the *Resolution On Hokie Stone* passed by the Board of Visitors on November 8, 2010 which required, unless special circumstances exist, all new buildings and expansion projects within the academic core and life sciences precincts on the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus should use Hokie Stone as the predominant building material and that the golf course district/professional and graduate district should utilize Hokie Stone as much as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Board desires to preserve the use of Hokie Stone on building projects as much as possible, while recognizing that the exclusive use of Hokie Stone as the predominant building material on all building facades has become cost prohibitive in some situations; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued use of Hokie Stone on buildings within the core campus is critical to preserving the look and feel of the campus; and,

**WHEREAS**, to clarify the parameters of the central core campus area, the Board desires to confirm that the core campus is bound by Prices Fork Road on the north, Main Street on the east, the relocated Southgate Drive to the south, and general proximity of the future Western Perimeter Road to the west all as conceptually depicted on Exhibit A (the “**Core Campus**”); and

**WHEREAS**, within the Core Campus, the Board desires to confirm that the design of buildings shall require the predominate use of Hokie Stone as a building material on the public facing facades; and,

**WHEREAS**, within the Core Campus, the Board desires to establish a policy for the design of non-public facing facades of buildings to enable the use materials consistent with institutional design and construction standards instead of Hokie Stone to significantly reduce the construction cost of new building projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Visitors Bylaws, Article I, Section 5, states that the Board is responsible for the “review and approval of physical plant development of the campus”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby confirms the designation of the Core Campus as noted on Exhibit A; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby states that the construction of buildings within the Core Campus shall use the collegiate gothic style of architecture and shall use Hokie Stone as the predominant building material on all public facing building facades, and may, if approved by the Buildings and Grounds Committee, substitute materials on non-public facing building facades similar to those currently used in new construction projects on the campus.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution be approved.

# EXHIBIT A

## CAMPUS DESIGN PRINCIPLES BOUNDARY OVERLAY

BOUNDARY OF APPLICATION FOR THE 2010 CAMPUS DESIGN PRINCIPLES UPDATED TO ALIGN WITH THE 2018 CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

