

Minutes

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Smithfield Room, The Inn at Virginia Tech

8:00 a.m.

August 29, 2016

Board Members Present:

Mehul Sanghani, Committee Chair (Student Affairs and Athletics)

Mehmood Kazmi

Chris Peterson

Gabe Cohen, Undergraduate Student Representative

Guests:

David Andrews, Whit Babcock, John Ballein, Tom Brown, Matt Chan, David Clubb, Chelsea Corkins, Ali Cross, Joe Edens, Heather Evans, Ted Faulkner, Eleanor Finger, Randy Fullhart, Tom Gabbard, Kyle Gentle, Martha Glass, Hunter Gresham, Hikmet Gursoy, Lee Hawthorne, Amy Hogan, Ryan Hopkins, Alex Hyler, Robin Jones, Frances Keene, Brett Netto, Mark Lawrence, Alexa Parsley, Patty Perillo, Charlie Phlegar, Donna Cassell Ratcliffe, Lizette Rebolledo, Joshua Redding, Bradi Rhodes, Rohsaan Settle, Frank Shushok, Tricia Smith, Tracy Vosburgh, Heather Wagoner, Penny White, and Chris Wise.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Open Session

1. **Introductions, Opening Remarks and Approval of June 6, 2016 Minutes.** Mr. Mehul Sanghani, committee chair, provided opening remarks, welcomed attendees, and submitted the minutes of the June 6, 2016, Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting for review and acceptance.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

2. **Updates from the Division of Student Affairs.** Vice President Patty Perillo offered a robust quarterly update to the committee to include introductions of three new senior leaders in the division: Dr. Lee Hawthorne, Chief of Staff; Dr. Robin Jones, Executive Director of Organizational Effectiveness; and, Lizette Rebolledo, Director of New Student Programs.

Career Services has rebranded and changed their name to Career and Professional Development to reflect its broadened mission to educate and support students as they explore and further understand themselves and career options,

gain valuable experience, develop as professionals, and launch their post-graduation career plans.

The request for clinical services at Cook Counseling Center continues to trend upward at Virginia Tech. For the past year, the number of students seeking services increased by 10.4%, and the number of appointments increased by 20% (20,671 appointments) from the prior year. Cook Counseling Center has extended offerings as we move into fall 2016. Cook Counseling Center has increased Vet Medicine Onsite counselors and have also opened a satellite office in the Kent Square Building where we now have four counselors seeing clients. This is a temporary solution until such a time that more space can be identified on campus.

The Corps of Cadets welcomed 387 new cadets, members of the class of 2020. The Corps also welcomed a new addition to its ranks: a four-legged ambassador, named Growley II, whose lineage dates back to the depression-era. Growley is a yellow lab whose call sign will be "Tank."

Cranwell International Center has worked to develop and update the center's mission, vision, and values. One primary focus has been to think beyond "international programming" for students and to move forward with a new and more inclusive focus on "intercultural initiatives." Cranwell International Center has also procured and will implement an enterprise software solution to enable Virginia Tech to batch interface with the US Department of Homeland Security's Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to ensure institutional compliance with federal regulations.

Dining Services set all-time record handling 7.38M transactions and generated \$62.7M in revenue. Dining Services also, in partnership with many others, implemented a department-wide Green Re-Useable To-Go Container program which averaged 3,000 uses a week by our students. The combination of offering the reusable to-go container program and our commitment to switch from Styrofoam single use items to compostable single use items resulted in a reduction of 740,000 single use items for the academic year 2015-16.

Fraternity and Sorority Life saw 38% (1,862) of students engaged in Fraternity and Sorority Life achieved Dean's List in spring 2016; 181 of these students achieved a 4.0. The 55 chapters at Virginia Tech raised more than \$440,000 for local and national philanthropic causes.

Hokie Wellness continues to be a positive partnership between the divisions of student affairs and administrative services. After a successful 21st Birthday risk-reduction and prevention pilot program in late spring, the Hokie Wellness Department has implemented this program for the entire 2016-2017 academic year. As well, Hokie Wellness offered Mindfulness classes in the spring and summer and these classes proved to be very popular. We have added Mindfulness activities and sessions to Hokie Camp and to our nightly "Rec Night"

Orientation sessions. More Mindfulness offerings will continue throughout the 2016-2017 academic year.

Housing and Residence Life is implementing an electronic door access project for the installation of keyless access to all student rooms. The total project consists of approximately 4500 electronic locks. The first phase of the project completed the installation of approximately 66% of the total locks this summer. Housing and Residence Life has 100% professional and para-professional trained staff (150 professional and 250 student) in the following areas: QPR suicide prevention training, DiversityEDU, and training related to Clery and Title IX.

Intercultural Engagement Center (IEC) spent much of the summer preparing for the opening of three new centers for the community. In addition to the existing Black Cultural Center and the Multicultural Center, the department now provides oversight for the Hispanic/Latino Cultural Center, the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, and the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center. All five centers are located within Squires Student Center. A crucial component of establishing and opening these new centers has been the process of new hires. Those hires are complete and each of the centers will now be staffed by a member of the IEC team.

Leadership Education Collaborative is working with a team of dedicated alumna and friends on the completion of the vision, mission, campaign mark, and formal name of I WILL (Inspiring Women in Lifelong Learning).

New Student Programs staff including five student orientation coordinators, 28 orientation leaders, and 120 Hokie Camp Counselors welcomed our first year and transfer students to campus. They hosted four transfer orientation sessions, twelve first-year student orientation sessions, four Hokie Camp sessions, and various Hokie Hi activities.

Recreational Sports has partnered with Human Nutrition Foods and Exercise Department to offer several activity courses for credit including Mindfulness and Movement with Chi Running, Introduction to Caving, Introduction to Racquetball, and Introduction to Weight Training. These are one-credit courses that are open to all students in any major. Recreational Sports has partnered with the Pamplin School of Management for the First Year Experience (FYE), using sport and activity to practice building effective teams and using strengths during group activities.

The division's Strengths-Based Learning initiative continues to grow with 2,945 Virginia Tech community members taking the StrengthsFinder assessment this summer, compared to 601 last summer, an almost 400% increase in interest and engagement this year. Over the past 3 years, more than 23,000 Hokies have discovered their strengths and 24 Strengths Consultants have been trained to facilitate strengths workshops, conversations and offerings.

Student Conduct is launching a campaign asking our students, "How will you Hokie?" helping students understand how to live a life of integrity where their values and beliefs align with their goals and actions, as well as how to be a representative of the Hokie Nation. Student conduct will use the #HowIHokie hashtag with students that engage in behavior that represents the best Virginia Tech has to offer.

Student Engagement and Campus Life will host Gobblerfest on the Drillfield this Friday where more than 15,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members will participate to explore clubs and organizations to engage and become involved. Squires Student Center, a facility under the Student Engagement and Campus Life portfolio, was selected as a passport acceptance facility. And, Virginia Tech Off Campus Housing Office has moved to Johnston Student Center to provide better service and support to our off-campus and commuter students.

For the third year, new students at Virginia Tech have been asked to take Haven, an online program that uses interactive scenarios to help students learn about the important issue of sexual violence on college campuses. More than 350 students indicated through the program this year that they would like to become involved in education and prevention efforts on campus.

In spring semester of 2016, student affairs conducted a climate survey modeled on the Association of American Universities (AAU) study to understand student perceptions on how peers and administrators would respond to a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct. The responses show that Virginia Tech students responded more positively than students represented in the aggregate data from the AAU survey. The percentages represent those who believe that the university is very/extremely likely to:

	<u>VT</u>	<u>AAU</u>
▪ Take a report seriously	80%	63%
▪ Protect safety of reporting student	74%	57%
▪ Conduct a fair investigation	67%	50%
▪ Take action against the offender	61%	44%
▪ Address factors that may have led to the sexual assault/misconduct	55%	39%

VT Engage's Campus Kitchen received national recognition from the Campus Kitchens Project at the 2016 Food Waste and Hunger Summit, winning the "Growing the Movement" award. Campus Kitchen continues to work with Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread, the Giving Tree Food Pantry, and other local organizations. VT Engage also partnered with Legacy International for the second year to bring students to Virginia Tech for the Saudi Young Leadership Exchange Program from August 1 – 6.

3. **Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook; Modifications to the Statement on Self-Reporting and Bystander Intervention for Student Code of Conduct:** Mr. Rohsaan Settle, director of student conduct, presented the resolution details and entertained robust dialogue and questions. Prior to making a motion to approve, the committee requested and received a commitment on behalf of the division of student affairs and the student conduct office to revisit the amnesty measures outlined and to bring back, when possible, clarification of measures at a future meeting.

The resolution to amend Policy 8300 for expansion and clarity related to the statement on self-reporting and bystander intervention for the student code of conduct was unanimously approved by the committee.

4. **Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook; Expansion of the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct:** Mr. Rohsaan Settle, director of student conduct, presented the resolution details. There were no questions.

The resolution to modify the expansion of the “drug” policy for the Student Code of Conduct, Policy 8300, was unanimously approved by the committee.

5. **2016-2017 Annual Plans and Objectives for SGA, GSA, and CSA.** Ms. Alexa Parsley, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), Ms. Chelsea Corkins, president of the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) along with Mr. Brett Netto (vice president of membership) and Ms. Alex Hyler (director of programs).

9:30 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. Break for Joint Session

Mr. Matt Chan, chair of the Commission on Student Affairs (CSA) each presented their organization's plans and objectives for the academic year.

6. **Intercollegiate Athletics Report.** Mr. Whit Babcock, director of Athletics, provided his quarterly report on intercollegiate athletics. Mr. Babcock provided the committee an update on the ACC Network and the potential benefits including broader national exposure, recruitment benefits, and financial gains. Mr. Babcock then introduced Mr. Tom Gabbard, senior associate athletic director for facilities and operations, who offered a review of athletic facility renovations for the Merryman Center, and plans for the Bowman Room, Rector Fieldhouse, and English Field.

Adjournment. With no further business, a motion was entertained and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Committee Minutes

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

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August 29, 2016

Joint Open Session with Student Affairs and Athletics

Board Members Present: Mr. Gabe Cohen, Mr. Mehmood Kazmi, Mr. Mike Quillen, Mr. Chris Peterson, Mr. Mehul Sanghani, Mr. Steve Sturgis, Mr. Jeff Veatch

VPI & SU Staff:

Ms. Kim Avis, Ms. Jennifer Altman, Deputy Chief Mac Babb, Mr. John Beach, Dr. Malcolm Beckett, Mr. David Andrews, Mr. Whit Babcock, Mr. John Ballein, Mr. Tom Brown, Mr. Matt Chan, Ms. D'Elia Chandler, Ms. Vickie Chiocca, Mr. Van Coble, Mr. David Clubb, Ms. Chelsea Corkins, Mr. Joe Crane, Ms. Heather Evans, Mr. Ted Faulkner, Dr. Eleanor Finger, Dr. Lance Franklin, Major General Randy Fullhart, Mr. Tom Gabbard, Dr. Martha Glass, Mr. Mark Gess, Ms. Hunter Gresham, Mr. Hikmet Gursoy, Mr. Rick Hinson, Ms. Amy Hogan, Dr. Lee Hawthorne, Mr. Ryan Hopkins, Dr. Robin Jones, Ms. Angela Kates, Ms. Frances Keene, Dr. Chris Kiwus, Ms. Leigh LaClair, Mr. Brian Lee, Mr. Mark Lawrence, Mr. Heidi McCoy, Mr. Mike Mulhare, Ms. Laura Neff-Henderson, Ms. Alexa Parsley, Dr. Patty Perillo, Mr. Charlie Phlegar, Dr. Donna Cassell Ratcliffe, Ms. Lizette Rebolledo, Ms. Bradi Rhodes, Dr. Frank Shushok, Ms. Kayla Smith, Ms. Tricia Smith, Mr. Jason Soileau, Mr. Dwyn Taylor, Ms. Heather Wagoner, Ms. Penny White, Dr. Lisa Wilkes, Dr. Sherwood Wilson, Mr. Chris Wise.

Guests: Mr. Tom Fox and Mr. Steve Ross

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mehul Sanghani, committee chair for Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, welcomed the attendees for the joint open session. Introductions of board members were offered.
2. **Long-Range Planning for Student Affairs Learning Environments.** The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee met in joint session with the Building and Grounds Committee to receive a presentation from the Division of Student Affairs leadership team regarding the division's long-range facility planning and progress toward construction or renovation of quality learning environments including new Corps of Cadet residence halls, expansion of health and wellness facilities, and inclusion improvements such as the new cultural centers in Squires Student Center. Mr. Sanghani noted his concern regarding the university's ability to make not just desired, but necessary, improvements to facilities (in particular student center/community spaces and residence halls).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Student Government Association

“Of the students, by the students”

Alexa Parsley, President
2016-2017



What is “SGA”?

- Mission statement
- Budget
 - Funding
- Executive Branch
- Legislative Branch
- Judicial Branch
- Working Relationships



Goals for the Year

- Boost school spirit and pride through Hokie Effect program
- Celebrate 50 years of Virginia Tech SGA
- Partner with university departments and stakeholders on 10-year April 16th community commemoration
- Successful 2017 Hokie Day
- Write and pass legislation promoting positive change on campus
- Continue making great strides towards diversity and inclusion

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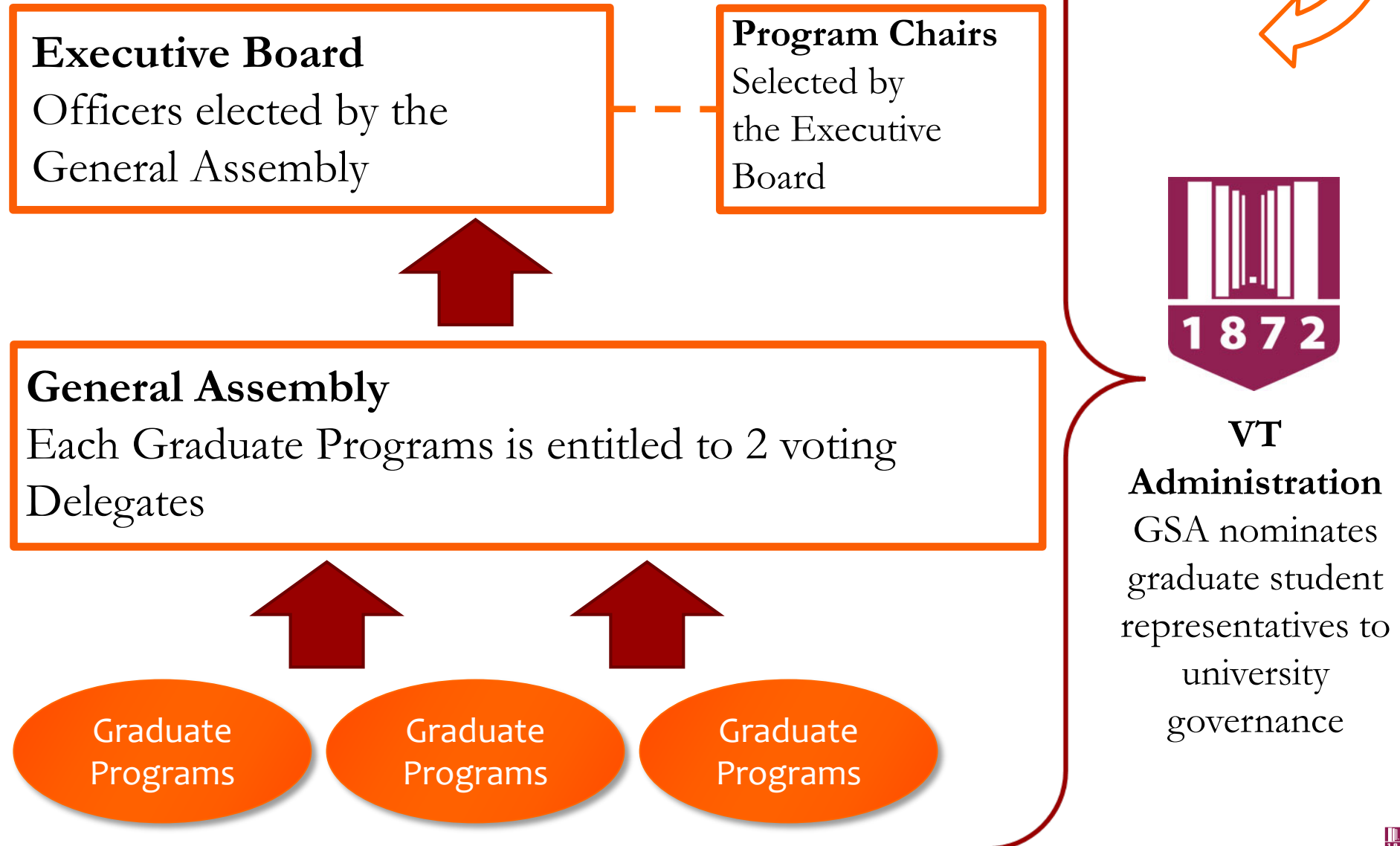
Graduate Student Assembly at Virginia Tech

Chelsea Corkins
President

Brett Netto
Vice President of Membership

Alex Hyler
Director of Programs

Governance and Advocacy



Governance and Advocacy

Improving
Graduate
Life

GSA has immediate access to senior administrators in the university:

- Graduate Dean Dr. Karen DePauw
- VP for Student Affairs Dr. Patty Perillo
- President Dr. Tim Sands

Advocacy results from last year:

- Dental and health insurance
- Senior Administrator searches
- Parking, transportation, and curriculum master plans

This year's plan:

- Improved representation of constituents
- Mental health awareness and assistance
- Visibility of graduate students on campus
 - Town Hall style meetings



Academic and Financial Support

Fostering
Career
Development

Travel Fund Program

- Support travel to domestic and academic conferences
- Nearly \$400,000 in requests with \$100,000 yearly budget

Graduate Research Development Program

- Lab equipment; big data; interview transcription
- \$750 for Masters, \$1,000 for PhD, \$32,000 yearly budget

GSA Research Symposium

- On-campus graduate conference and expo
- Peer- and faculty-reviewed
- Cash Awards from \$250-750

Rental Programs

- Provide necessary items for graduate performance for free
- Cap and Gown and Conference presentation Programs



Building Graduate Community



SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

Welcome Back BBQ

Beginning of Fall Semester
Graduate School Lawn

Beer and Wine Social

Tri-Annual
University Club

Ice Cream Social and GLC Cafe

Beginning of Fall Semester
GLC Student Lounge

“With the Dean” Series with Dean Karen

DePauw

Twice a semester
GLC

New Ideas

GLC Happy Hour

Once a month

New Ideas

Graduate Student Spotlight

Questions? Comments?

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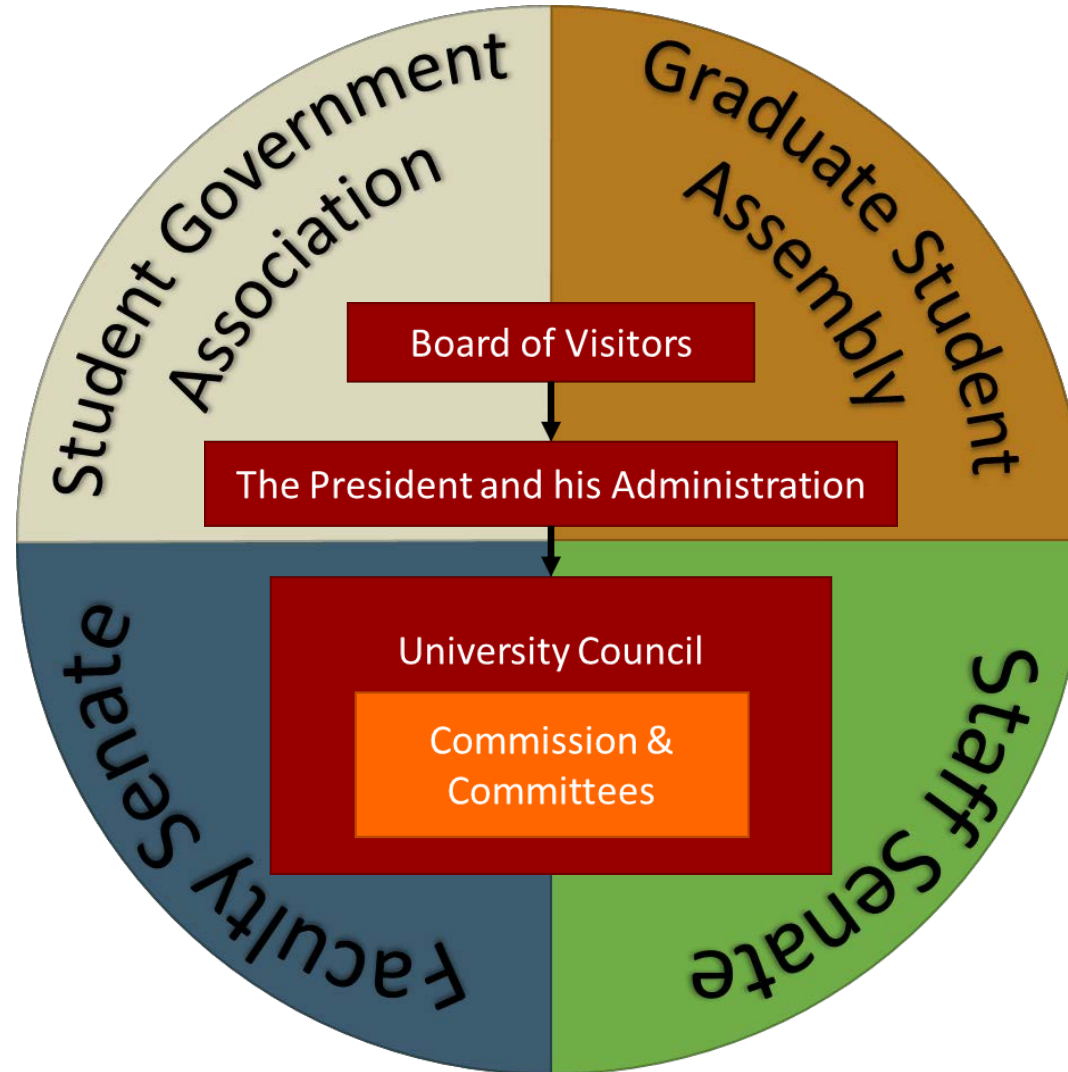


Commission on Student Affairs 2016 Fall Overview

Presented to the VT Board of Visitors

August 29th, 2016

University Governance Structure



University Council – Commissions and Committees

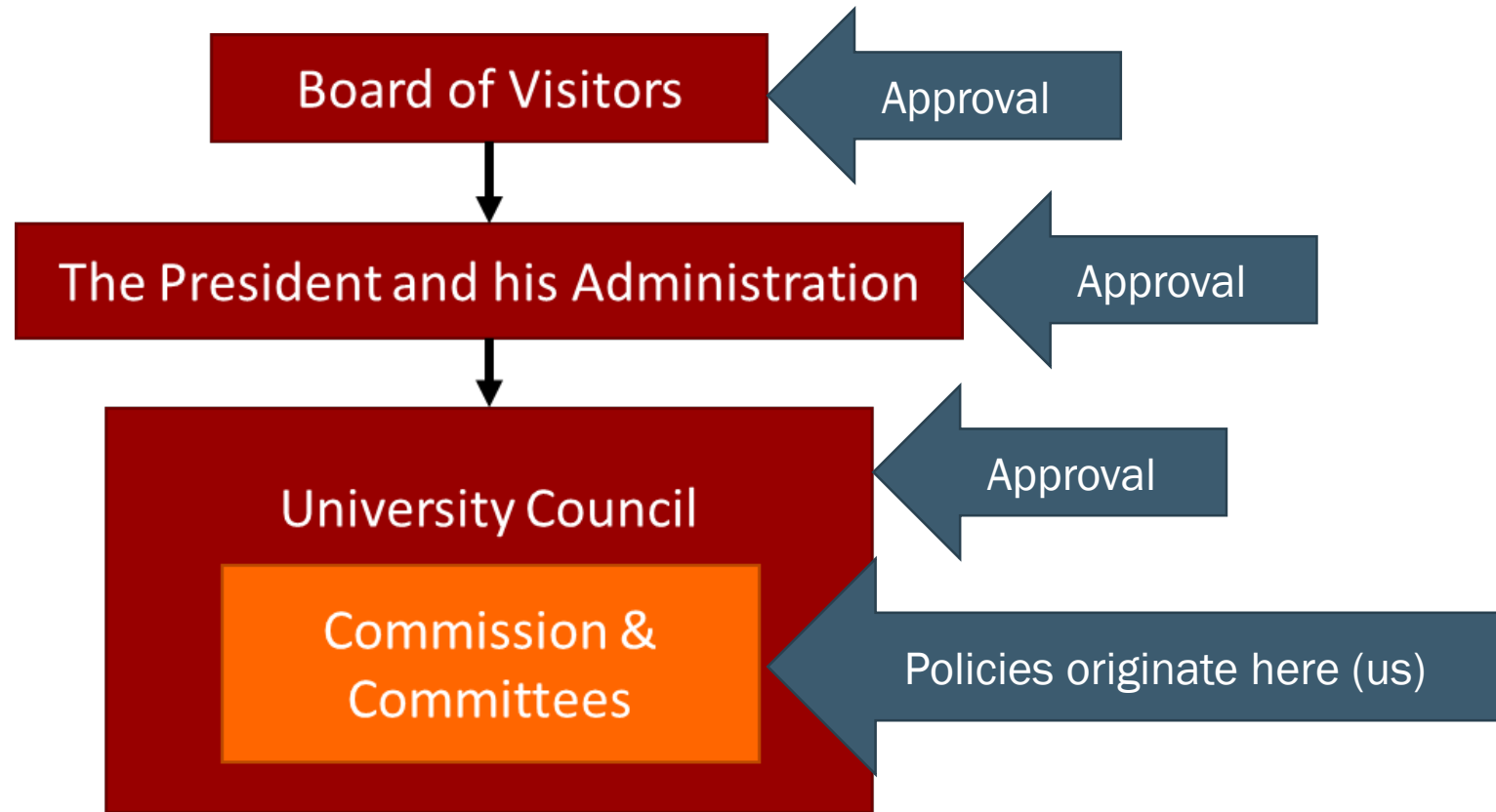


Commission on Student Affairs

Our charge:

To study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures affecting graduate and undergraduate student life and morale. Areas for consideration include: student relations with peers, staff, faculty, administrators, alumni, and the community; student organizations, social life, and recreation; employment, placement, and counseling; residential life, health, safety, and quality of student related services; and other matters affecting student life.

Commission on Student Affairs: How does it work?



Approval requirements varies and depend on the nature of the policies.

Commission on Student Affairs: Who we are

CSA composition

Administrators: 6

Faculty: 1

Staff: 1

Students: 19

Others (e.g. CUSP)

Administrators: 13

Faculty: 10

Staff: 1

Students: 6

Of all the Commissions, CSA is the ONLY Commission comprised by a majority of students, and is regularly chaired by a student.

Commission on Student Affairs: Who we are

- Representatives from student governments (SGA, GSA)
- Representatives from cultural student organizations (e.g., AASU, LASO, CISO, BOC, etc.)
- Representatives from other umbrella student organizations (e.g., HokiePride, RHF, Class Systems, Corps of Cadets, Fraternity and Sorority Councils, etc.)
- BoV student representatives
- Administrators from the Division of Student Affairs, Provost Office (Undergraduate Academic Affairs), Graduate School
- Representative from Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and CAPFA

Diverse membership encourages grassroots or “bottom-up” initiatives for student affairs-related policy formation/changes

CSA past activities and anticipated agenda

Permanent Responsibilities:

- Approval of student organization funding allocation strategy from Student Budget Board
- Ratification of University Chartered Student Organizations' constitutions

Past Activities:

- Hokie Handbook revision (drug & alcohol policies)
- Student Budget Board operation revision
- Advisory role (e.g. Honor Code revision, Faculty Senate Shared-Governance reform)

This year:

- Continued revision to Student Budget Board operation
- Student advisory role to ongoing major projects on campus (e.g. Campus master plan; Destination Areas, etc.)



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Questions & Comments



Intercollegiate Athletics report to the
Student Affairs & Athletic Committee of
the Board of Visitors

August 29, 2016

The Merryman Center











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2008 | SECOND ROUND



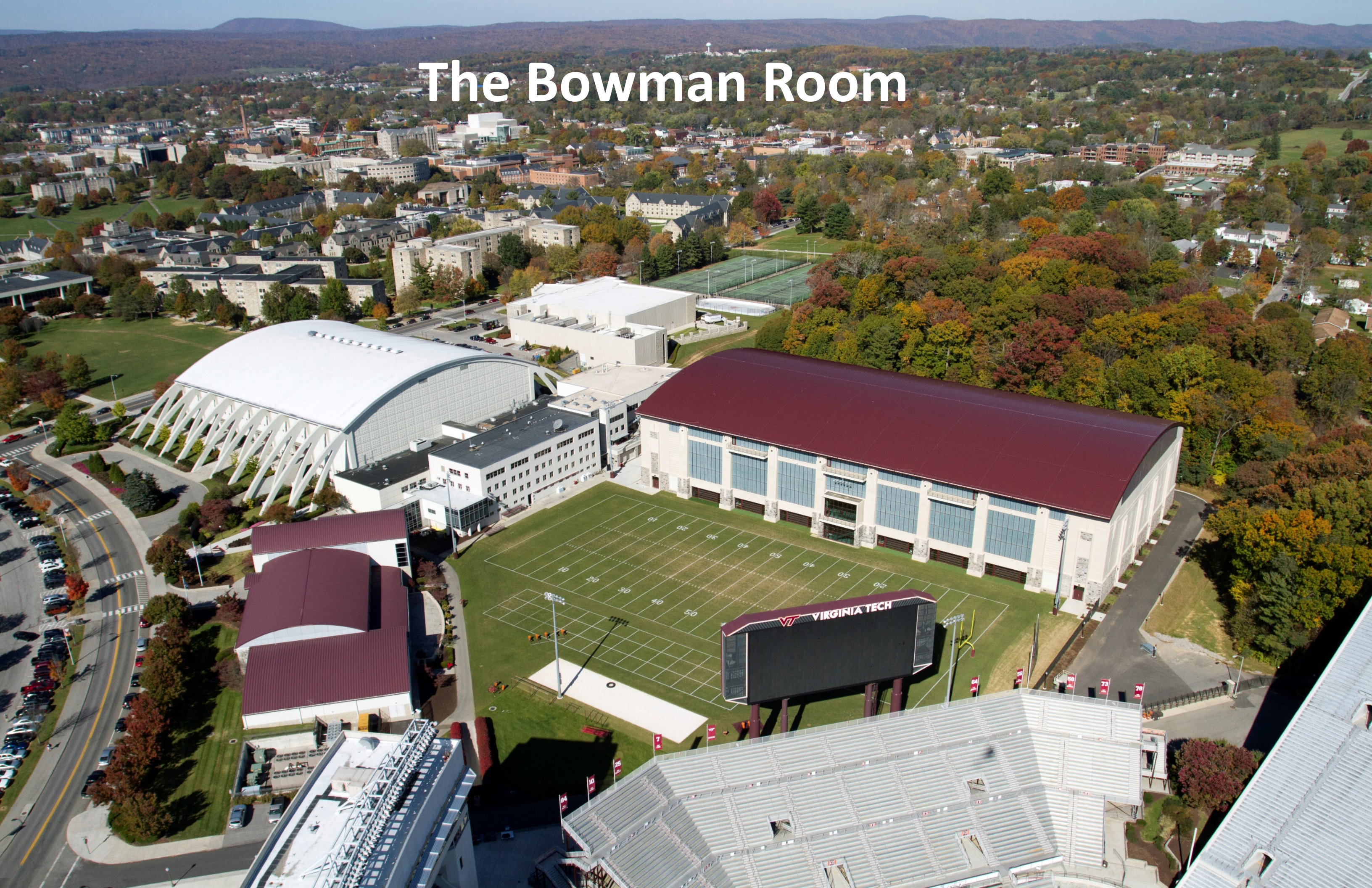








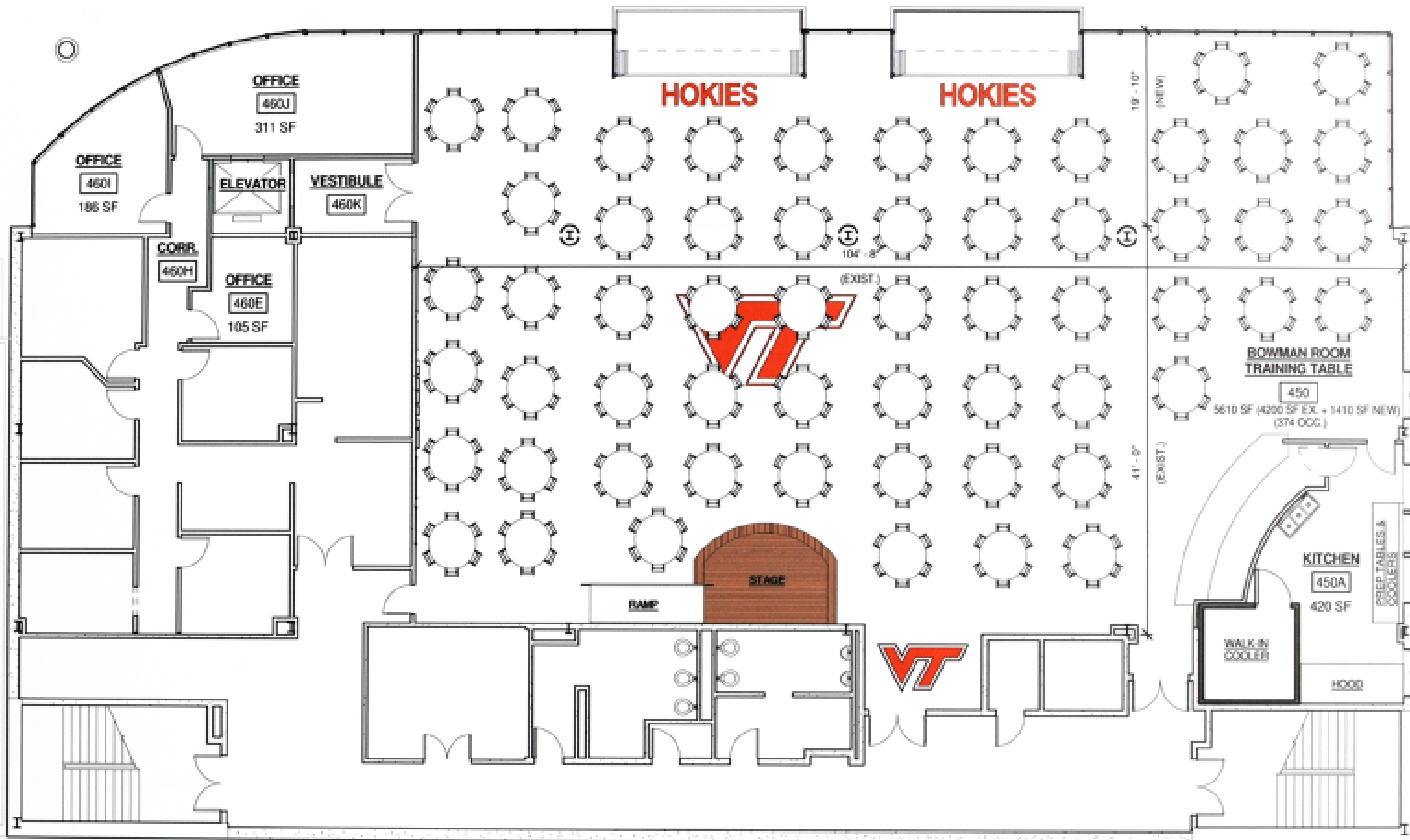
The Bowman Room





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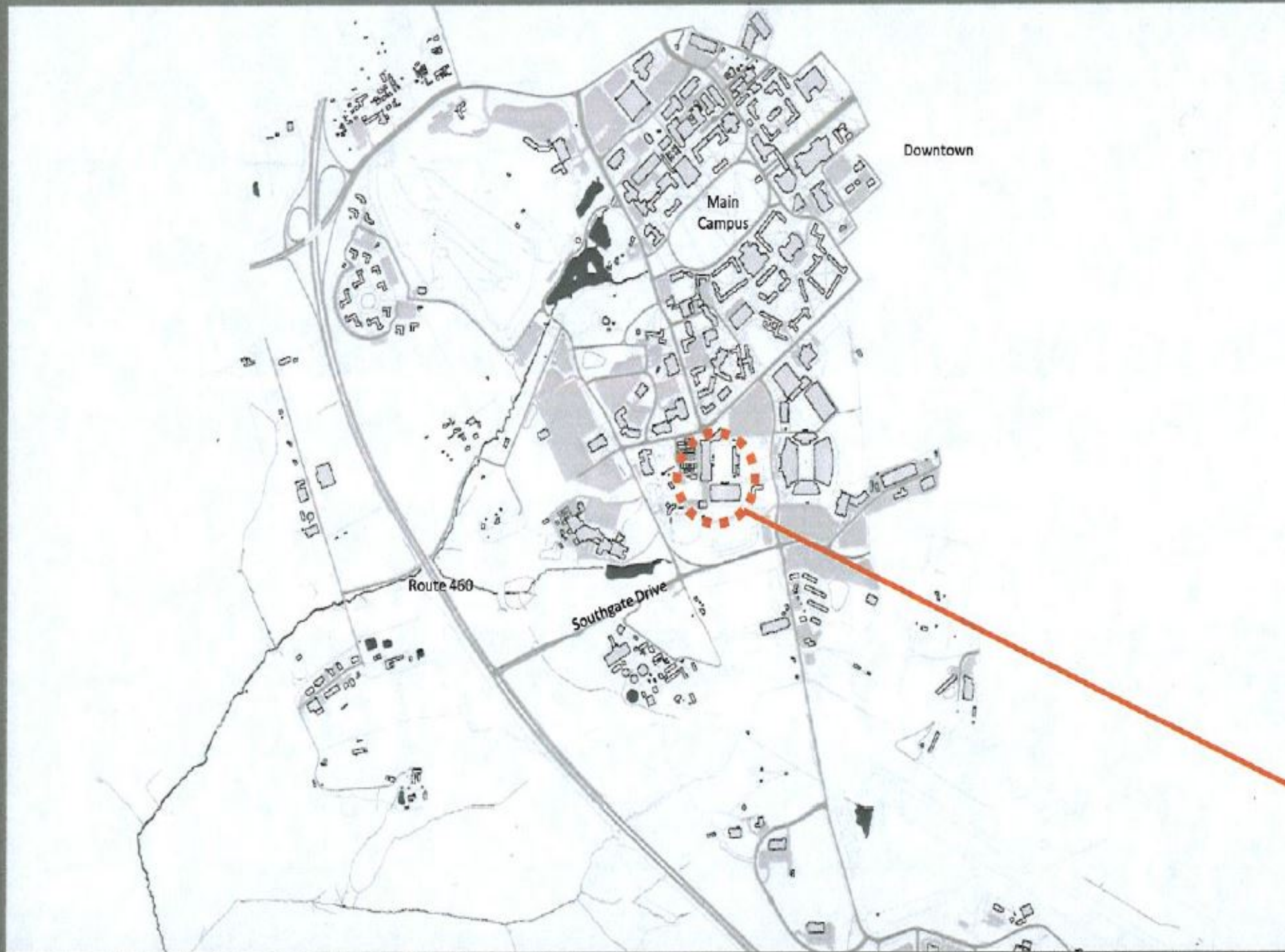




Rector Field House



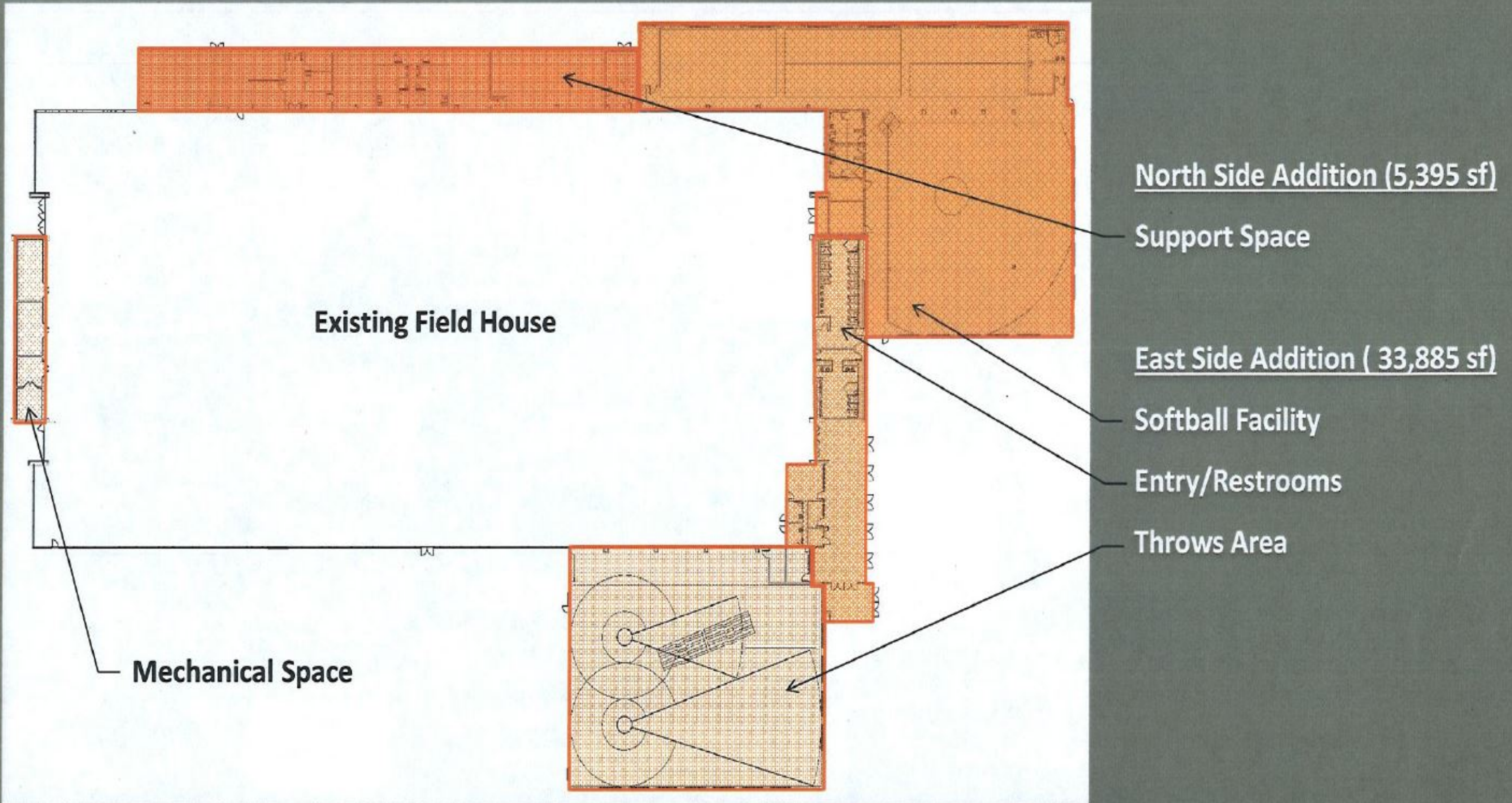
Project Location



Rector Field House

Rector Field House Phase 1 Design Preview

Proposed Floor Plan Phase 1



New Slides for English
Field at Union Park coming
at a later date





Division of Student Affairs Board of Visitors Presentation

August 29, 2016

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*Long-Range Planning for Student Affairs
Learning Environments*

DSA Mission:

To promote student learning, life skills, and personal growth through a strong focus on holistic student development and collaborative partnerships that deliver superior service to, and care for, students in the spirit of *Ut Prosim*.

Strategic Goals:

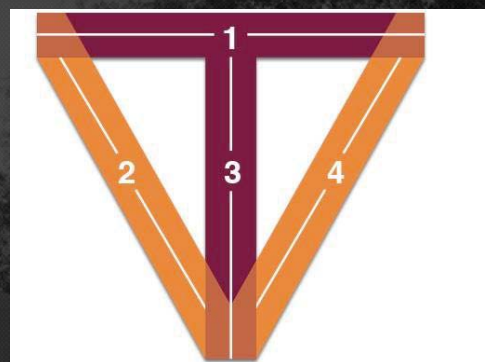
- Impacting Learning Environments
- Fostering Globalization and Inclusive Excellence
- Creating a Culture of Collaboration and Organizational Efficiency
- Embracing a Networked Society
- Enhancing our Facilities

DSA Facilities Plan
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DSA Facilities:

- The division is responsible for an extensive physical plant consisting of more than **3 million assignable square feet** and more than 60 buildings across the campus.
- This represents approximately **31% of the total square footage** on the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus.



1. Transdisciplinary knowledge and technological literacy.
2. Informal communal learning
3. Disciplinary depth
4. Guided experiential learning

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The Virginia Tech Student Experience: Virginia Tech's Next 20 Years

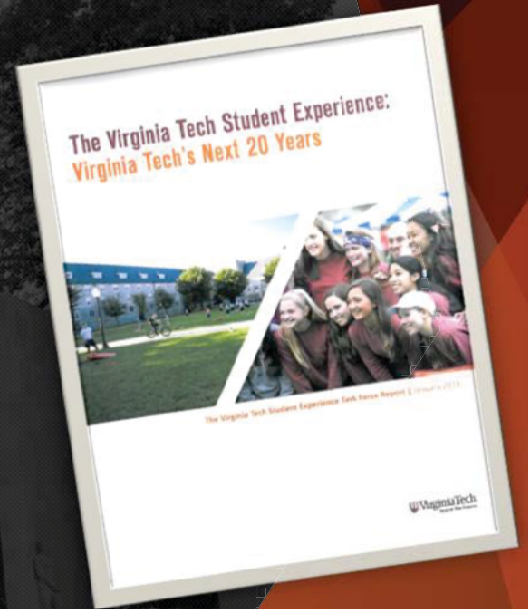
Theme 1: The quality of spaces across campus, and student experiences within them, vary widely, contributing to a widening gap between possible experiences for students and faculty alike.

Theme 2: Physical segregation perpetuates silos

Theme 3: Inflexible building design and construction standards too often inhibit programmatic performance as new needs emerge

Theme 4: Our Spaces fail to invite student, faculty, and staff to gather informally outside of the classroom.

Theme 5: Insufficient attention to the physical infrastructure of student-life facilities risks erosion of a Virginia Tech Strategic Advantage.



DSA Facilities Plan
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Past Planning:

- Different Approach
- Previous Plans were Department Focused and Developed
- Reactive to Needs that Developed as Opposed to Strategically Planned
- Without Collaborative Needs in Mind
- Developed to Serve as opposed to Provide Learning Opportunities
- Prior to Better MR Planning and Use of FICAS

Unified DSA Plans:

- Collaborative Effort Across Division
- With VT Shaped Student and Their Needs in Mind
- Provides Informal Communal Learning Opportunities
- Provides Guided Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Enrollment Growth Driven in many ways
- Also Driven by Aged Facilities
- Today's Student Expectations

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Completed Projects

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Pearson Hall

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WiFi Conversion in Residence Halls – 100% Complete

- Wall to Wall Wireless Connectivity – Rooms and Common Spaces
- 1-gigabit per room
- \$2.6 Million Project
- On Time – Under Budget



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Pritchard Courtyard



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Food Trucks



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South Recreation Area Turf Fields



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Current Projects

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Second Corps Residence Hall



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Electronic Locks in Residence Halls

- \$7.7 Million Project
- Ahead of Schedule
- Under Budget
- Completion = July 2017



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Future Projects Under Consideration

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Corps Leadership and Military Science Building

- Preliminary Design Complete
- Private Funds Raised
- Ready to Go



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New Residence Hall 350 Beds

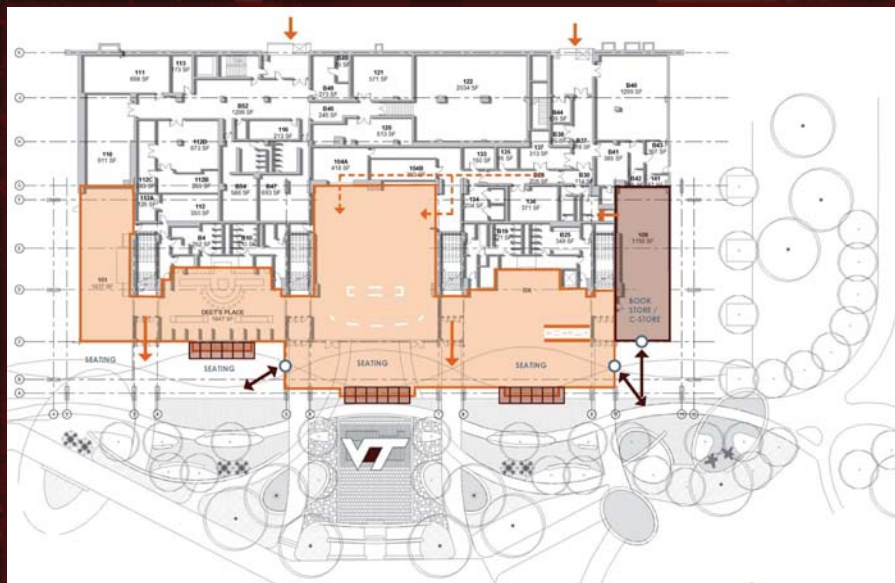
- Needed to maintain on campus residents at 33%
- Desire to reach 40%
- Increased Living/Learning opportunities



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Dietrick Dining/Spirit Plaza



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On Going DSA Facility Conversations

- Favarro/Lawson –Dining Option
- Owens Food Court Renovation
- Pritchard Hall Renovation
- O' Shaughnessy Hall Renovation
- Harper Hall/Cranwell International Center Improvements
- Student Center Needs – Commons approach
- G Burke Johnston Future
- Venture Out Facility/Challenge Course
- Recreational Fields Maintenance Facility and Pavilion

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