

MINUTES

Budgeting and Planning Committee

April 6, 2026

2:00 PM

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Present: Julie Ross (presiding), Kylie Allen, Leanna Blevins, Jack Browning, Travis Burns, Jeff Earley, Pascha Gerni, Tim Hodge, Edward Lener, John McGee, Liza Morris, Rebecca Pauly, Annika Schmierer, and Will Walton

Absent with Notice: Amy Sebring

Absent: Sherif Abdelaziz, Tara Brent, Trish Hammer, Creed Jones, Dustin Read, Frederick Smith, and Rebecca Weaver-Hightower

Guests: Debbie Greer, Brennan Shepard, Holly Williams and Keith Hayes

1. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 2nd, 2026.

Julie Ross opened the meeting and announced approval and posting of the minutes of the February 2, 2026 to the Governance website.

2. Presentation

Space Management Program

Keith Hayes, University Space Official, provided an overview of how the university approaches space management. Mr. Hayes shared this process is broken down into three areas: Space Data Stewardship, Office of Space Management and Space Management.

Space Data Stewardship provides reliable data that supports informed decision-making and strategic planning, which is achieved through regular space surveys and validation protocols. Space surveys are initiated with the Space Ambassador, who is an appointed representative of the Dean or Senior Management leader. The Space Ambassador appoints Space Delegates at the department/unit level who is experienced and familiar with the departmental/unit administrative operations and can confirm data submitted by the Space Respondents. Space Respondents are appointed by the Space Delegate and have working knowledge of the departmental/unit space and complete the space surveys.

The Office of Space Management uses the data collected through the space surveys to provide support and a partnership to departments/units in the form of space assessments, space evaluations and data-driven recommendations. They help ensure space resources are effectively aligned with departmental needs and institutional priorities.

Mr. Hayes also shared the emerging efforts of space management, which include finalizing updates to policy 5400, completion of space governance & protocols,

complete a space standard refresh, and procuring a new space management platform.

Update on State Budget

Tim Hodge, Associate Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning, provided an update to the Committee of the State Budget as of crossover. Mr. Hodge shared that the General Assembly adjourned on March 14, 2026 without voting on a budget. Mr. Hodge walked through the proposed House and Senate recommendations in comparison to the executive budget. While the Executive budget provided \$3.2 million for access and affordability in FY27, the House proposed \$6.4 million FY27 & FY28, with the Senate proposing \$6.4 million in FY27 and \$5.2 million in FY28. This line item directly supports keeping tuition low for in-state students and ongoing cost escalation. The House proposed \$6.5 million in FY27 & FY28 to expand the medical education of VTCSOM, while the Senate matched the Executive budget of \$1.9 million each year. The executive budget proposed \$11.4 million in FY27 & FY28 for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (of which a significant portion is from a less certain state funding source), while the House and Senate instead both proposed \$2.4 million of state funding each year. For Resident need-based financial aid, the House mirrored the Executive budget proposal of \$1.3 million in FY27, while the Senate proposed the same amount in FY27 but an additional \$4.5 million in FY28. He also shared proposed funding for the Virginia Cooperative Extension/Agricultural Experiment Station Division (Agency 229) of an additional \$0.5 million to maintain current level of service, which the House and Senate both proposed the same. For Agency 229, the Senate also proposed \$0.8 million support for FY27 & FY28 for the Agricultural Business Innovation Cohort.

Mr. Hodge also covered the proposed House and Senate compensation program. The executive budget proposed a 2% bonus, but the House and Senate instead proposed a \$1,500 bonus. The House mirrored the Executive budget with a proposed 2% compensation program for FY27 & FY28, while the Senate proposed a 3% compensation program for both years. The Executive, House and Senate all proposed a 13% increase in healthcare insurance premiums for FY27 and 5% for FY28.

Mr. Hodge reminded the committee that since the budget conferees were unable to produce a Conference Budget by the end of the regular session, a special session has been scheduled for April 23rd. Several questions were brought up for discussion by the Committee members.

3. Announcements

This was the final meeting of the current academic year; Julie Ross thanked the committee members for their willingness to serve on the Committee.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.