Minutes

Budgeting and Planning Committee
October 1, 2026
2:00-3:00 pm
130 Burruss and Zoom

Present – Sherif Abdelaziz, Kylie Allen, Sharon Barrett, Leanna Blevins, Jeff Earley, Pascha Gerni, Trish Hammer, Tim Hodge, Leah Holmes, Ching Huang, Creed Jones, Edward Lener, Parth Mehta, Liza Morris, Rell Paker, Dustin Read, Micah Roos, Annika Schmierer, Sharone Tomer, Will Walton, and Melissa Wright

Absent with Notice: Julie Ross, Amy Sebring

Guests: Juan Espinoza, Brennan Shepard, Debbie Greer, Bruce Heath and Holly Williams

Jeff Earley, Vice Provost for Academic Resource Management, called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. A quorum was present.

1. **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 6, 2026.**

   Jeff Earley noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website.

2. **Presentation**

   Juan Espinoza, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, presented on Enrollment Management: Positioning Virginia Tech for the Next Decade. Juan presented an overview of undergraduate enrollment trends, including growth in total undergraduate enrollment to over 32,000 students, record application volume, rising offer rates, and declining yield rates among in-state, out-of-state, and international first-time students. When discussing the new enrollment landscape, he shared the external forces reshaping how students evaluate higher education and make enrollment decisions. These external forces are driving Virginia Tech enrollment strategy to adapt to these external realities while staying true to its land-grant mission. The committee asked several questions, including whether AI is impacting the decline of certain majors.

3. **Announcements**

   - Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

4. **Adjournment**

   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.