

Commission on Student Affairs Minutes

October 22, 2020

3:30 PM

Zoom

Present: Adil Sageer, Amanda Coleman, Anisha Hari, April Myers, Ariana Guevara, Awad Abdelhalim, Conrad Briles, Danielle Panico, Frank Shushok, Heather Wagoner, James Bridgeforth, Jes Davis, Jonathan Falls, Kayla Alward, Kenlee Andreu, Lauren Surface, Maruf Hoque, Michelle Kim, Nathaniel Soss, Sammy Bales, Scott Nachlis, Steve Matuzak, Susanna Rinehart, Tahreem Alam, Tara Frank, Tim Lin, Victoria Dashevsky

Absent: Ariana Labat, Camellia Pastore, Camille Roberts, Chapman Pendery, Grant Bommer, Jennifer Pike, Jessica Nguyen, Kase Poling, Katherine Franz, Kimberly Smith, Sabrina Sturgeon, Spencer Hamilton

Guest: Tim Hodge

1. **Adoption of Agenda** - Victoria Dashevsky

Meeting was called to order at 3:32pm. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. **University Council and Commission Updates**

a. University Council - Victoria Dashevsky

University Council met Monday, October 17th. Discussion was had regarding the Affirmative Action Plan, and the first reading of the Climate Action Commitment was heard.

b. Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity – Nathaniel Soss

No update. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 27. Please do reach out to Nathaniel if you have any issues, concerns, or struggles you would like for him to bring up at future CEOD meetings.

c. Academic Support Committee – Commissioner

No update.

3. **Old Business**

None

4. **New Business**

a. Student Fees – Tim Hodge

Tim Hodge, Associate Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning, gave a presentation on the Overview of University Financial Structure and Student Fees (attached).

b. Letter to Admin about Spring Break – Victoria Dashevsky

Camellia Pastore, (BOV - UG) has written a letter to VT Administration proposing two four-day weekends and one three-day weekend during spring break to which she would like input from CSA on. Victoria will be sharing the letter by email as a Google doc, and requests that members assist in editing the document by using Google suggestions, or the comment feature.

Victoria asks if members should have anything else to share regarding spring break to reach out to her.

c. CSA & SBB – Victoria Dashevsky

A meeting was held that included Victoria, Gina, and the SBB Chair Alec where it was discussed how SBB and CSA can partnership together. Victoria put out a call for membership on this newly created committee to which representation of both grad and undergrad is a must.

The purpose of this committee will be to focus on restructuring the relationship between SBB and CSA. This includes having more students represented on SBB, restructuring how the SBB meetings are run, rekindling the long-term

relationship between SBB and CSA, and charting for UCSO's in the sense of how allocations are made and how annual requests are made.

The majority of the research and planning has already been completed by previous SBB chairs, and therefore the goal of this task force will be to take the findings from all the research and start putting it into effective use. Once implemented, SBB should not only run more efficiently, but more students will ultimately have a say as to where the student activity fee is spent.

This committee will be comprised of four members from CSA and three members from SBB and plans to meet bi-weekly for a day that works for all group members. CSA Members for this committee include: Victoria Dashevsky, Maruf Hoque, Kayla Alward, and Ariana Guevara.

d. LASO Constitution

There was not sufficient time left for the review of LASO's Constitution, and therefore it will be added to the agenda for the next meeting on October 22. Victoria will email everyone a copy of the LASO Constitution in the form of a Google Doc for review. If you have revisions, be sure to comment and do not edit the constitution itself.

If there are grammatical issues, Victoria will send it through internally. However, if content issues are found, or there are things to which members want to talk about, then it will be brought to CSA for an official reading.

5. **Announcements**

a. Student Employment Contracts

Ariana Guevara shared that many of her RA's have been asking questions about their signed contract – to which specifies they have spring break off. Students are inquiring as to what is going to happen since the announcement came out there would not be a consecutive week off for spring break 2021.

The question was raised does this mean they work those days of spring break and that they will be paid for as “break duty”? It was stated this would not just affect RA's, but also dining services, and ultimately any other students throughout campus working by signed contract.

Heather Wagoner spoke up and offered to connect with Sean Grube to get an answer specifically regarding RA's. Both Heather and Victoria agreed to divide and conquer to get answers regarding student contracts as a whole and will report back as to their findings.

b. SGA Announcement

Conrad Briles shared there was a new form published on GobblerConnect that has all available SGA positions, as well as any other SGA opportunities coming up. Conrad also shared that SGA had passed support for UFM petition.

6. **Adjournment** - Victoria Dashevsky

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:58pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 5th @ 3:30pm.

Overview of University Financial Structure and Student Fees

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Tim Hodge, Associate Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning



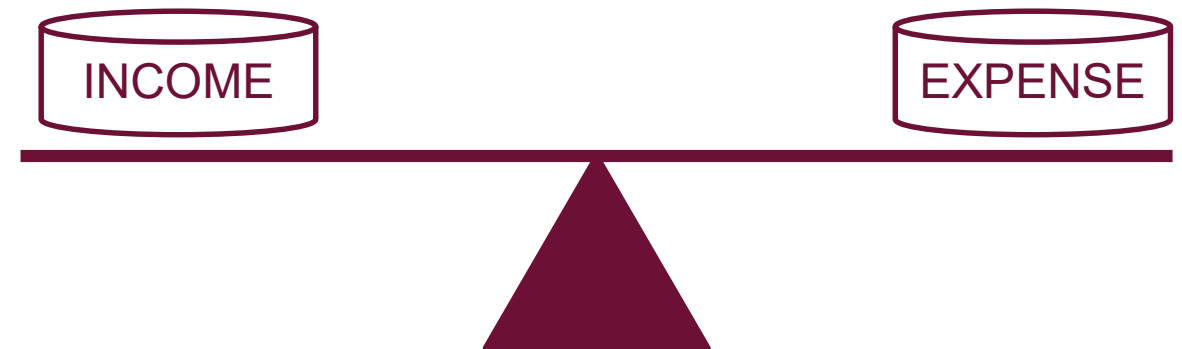
VIRGINIA TECH ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING CONTEXT

Fund accounting is an accounting system for recording resources whose use has been limited by the donor, grant authority, governing agency, or other individuals or organizations or by law. It emphasizes [accountability](#) rather than [profitability](#), and is used by [Nonprofit organizations](#) and by governments. In this method, a fund consists of a self-balancing set of [accounts](#) and each are reported as either unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted based on the provider-imposed restrictions. (Wikipedia)

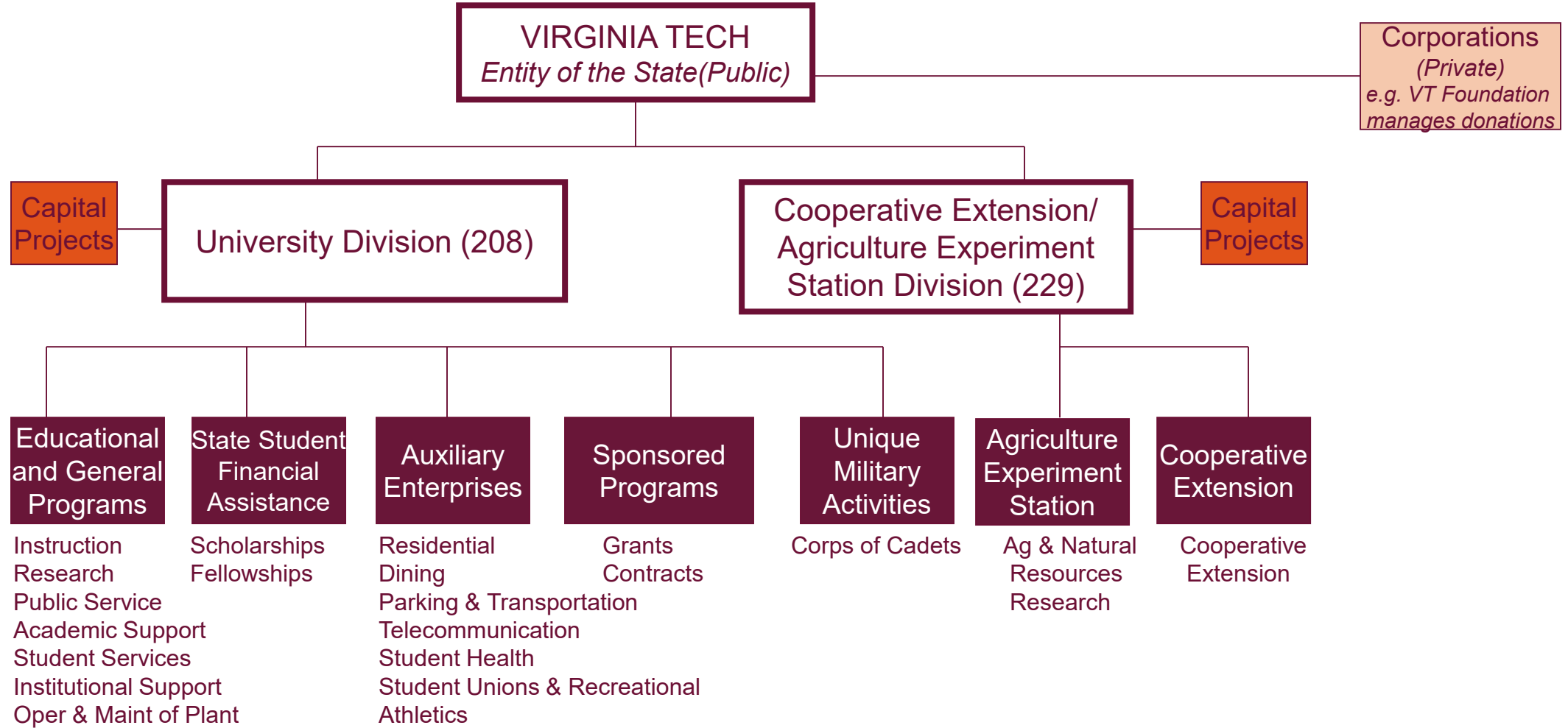
Governmental, Non-Profit

Fund Accounting – Money given to the institution for a certain purpose must be spent for that purpose

Self-Balancing Funds



Program Structure



VIRGINIA
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COMPRISE A
\$1.6B PUBLIC
ENTITY

		PROGRAMS						Total
		University Division E&G	CE/AES Division	Auxiliary Enterprises	Sponsored Programs	Appropriated Student Financial Aid	Other Programs	
FUNDS	General Fund	\$184.7	\$74.2		\$17.9	\$23.5	\$2.8	\$303.0
	Tuition & Fees	578.1				7.9		586.1
	Federal		15.6					15.6
	E&G Sales	18.4	0.7					19.0
	Aux Sales			363.9*				363.9
	Sponsored				337.0			337.0
	All Other	28.5	0.3				7.6	36.4
Total		\$809.7	\$90.7	\$363.9	\$354.9	\$31.4	\$10.3	\$1,661.0

*Includes self-generated revenues (51%), user fees (31%), and comprehensive fee (18%).
Source: 2019-20 University Authorized Budget Document available at obfp.vt.edu

Components of Total Cost

- Example below Resident Undergraduate

	Fall 2020 Semester
Tuition	\$5,710
E&G Fees	<u>87</u>
Tuition & E&G Fees	\$5,797
Comprehensive Fee	<u>1,077</u>
Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$6,874
Room & Board	<u>4,778</u>
Total Cost	\$ 11,652

Overview of Student Fees

- Tuition: Supports instructional activities (faculty) and support costs.
- Library Fee: Supports collections, subscription inflation, enhancements.
- Technology Fee: Provides support for campus technology needs.
- Program Specific Fees: Support programs with greater costs, enhance quality, improve labs and classrooms, and support services. These include Engineering, Architecture & Design, and other specific programs.
- Capital & Equipment Fee (Nonresident): State required fee, transferred to the state to fund nonresident share of debt service for buildings and equipment.
- Mandatory Non-E&G Fees (Comprehensive Fee): Support services outside of the instructional mission. Revenue directly support individual services named (i.e. Health Services, etc.).

What is the Comprehensive Fee?

- Mandatory cost of education
- Supports operation of self-supporting (auxiliary) services for the benefit of all students.
 - Services have evolved over time to fulfil the needs expressed by students.
 - Fee descriptions: <https://www.bursar.vt.edu/tuition-fee-rates/tuition-fees.html>
- For transparency and to meet state requirements, fees are accounted for separately.
 - In Virginia, taxpayer support and tuition are traditionally prohibited from supporting auxiliary operations.
 - In other states or in private institutions, these services may be rolled into “tuition”.

Comprehensive Fee Components

	<u>Fall 2020 Semester</u>
<u>Comprehensive Fee</u>	
Student Activity Fee	\$ 165
Health Service Fee	254
Athletic Fee	163
Transportation Services Fee	96
Recreational Sports Fee	163
Student Services Fee	149
Student Cultural Activities Fee	<u>87</u>
	\$ 1,077

Pricing Framework

- Tuition & Mandatory Fees require approval by the Board of Visitors
- Management of the Total Cost of Education
 - Tuition is inversely related with state taxpayer (General Fund) support.
 - All institutional resources compete
 - Comprehensive fees compete with tuition
- Strategic prioritization
 - Informed by Strategic Plan, Critical Needs, Unavoidable Costs
- State requirements

Virginia Public Four-Year Institutions, 2019-20

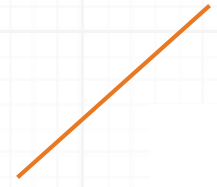
<u>Institutions</u>	<u>Tuition and E&G Fees</u>		<u>Non-E&G Mandatory Fees</u>		<u>Room & Board</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>
William and Mary (Freshmen)	\$ 17,570	1	\$ 6,058	2	\$ 12,926	1	\$ 36,554	1
Virginia Military Institute	9,284	5	9,834	1	9,766	13	28,884	2
University of Virginia (First Year)	14,148	2	2,484	13	11,703	4	28,335	3
Christopher Newport University	9,100	6	5,824	3	11,760	2	26,684	4
Virginia Commonwealth University	12,247	3	2,349	14	10,823	10	25,419	5
Longwood University	7,940	10	5,580	4	11,668	5	25,188	6
George Mason University	9,060	7	3,504	10	11,705	3	24,269	7
University of Mary Washington	8,678	8	4,532	7	10,730	12	23,940	8
James Madison University	7,250	11	4,956	5	10,938	7	23,144	9
Virginia Tech	11,595	4	2,096	15	9,342	15	23,033	10
Old Dominion University	7,047	12	3,973	8	10,868	8	21,888	11
University of Virginia's College at Wise	5,694	15	4,558	6	10,751	11	21,003	12
Radford University	7,980	9	3,370	12	9,637	14	20,987	13
Virginia State University	5,769	13	3,385	11	11,544	6	20,698	14
Norfolk State University	5,752	14	3,870	9	10,844	9	20,466	15

SCHEV National Peer Institutions, 2019-20

Institutions	Tuition		Mandatory Fees		Room & Board		Total Cost	
	\$	Rank	\$	Rank	\$	Rank	\$	Rank
University of California, Berkeley	\$ 11,442	8	\$ 2,811	7	\$ 17,219	1	\$ 31,472	1
University of Pittsburgh	18,628	1	1,090	18	11,250	17	30,968	2
Pennsylvania State	17,416	2	1,034	19	11,884	11	30,334	3
University of California, Davis	11,442	8	3,053	6	14,261	5	28,756	4
Rutgers University, New Brunswick	12,230	6	3,177	4	13,075	7	28,482	5
University of Illinois, Urbana	12,036	7	4,174	1	11,480	15	27,690	6
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	15,230	3	328	22	11,996	10	27,554	7
University of Colorado, Boulder	10,728	12	1,772	12	14,778	2	27,278	8
University of Minnesota, Twin Citi	13,318	5	1,709	13	10,358	20	25,385	9
SUNY at Buffalo	7,070	21	3,454	3	14,631	3	25,155	10
Michigan State	14,460	4	-	23	10,522	18	24,982	11
University of Washington, Seattle	10,370	13	1,095	17	13,296	6	24,761	12
Stony Brook University	7,070	21	3,105	5	14,278	4	24,453	13
Ohio State	10,197	14	887	20	12,708	9	23,792	14
University of Maryland, College Pa	8,824	18	1,955	10	12,875	8	23,654	15
Virginia Tech	11,420	10	2,271	9	9,342	23	23,033	16
University of Texas, Austin	10,818	11	-	23	11,812	12	22,630	17
University of Wisconsin, Madison	9,273	15	1,452	14	11,558	14	22,283	18
University of Missouri-Columbia	9,120	17	1,357	15	11,618	13	22,095	19
Texas A&M	7,580	20	3,652	2	10,400	19	21,632	20
North Carolina State	6,535	23	2,566	8	11,359	16	20,460	21
Purdue, West Lafayette	9,208	16	784	21	10,030	22	20,022	22
Iowa State	8,042	19	1,278	16	9,149	24	18,469	23
University of Florida	4,477	24	1,904	11	10,220	21	16,601	24

Atlantic Coast Conference 2019-20

<u>Institutions</u>	<u>Tuition</u>		<u>Mandatory Fees</u>		<u>Room & Board</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Duke	\$ 55,880	2	\$ 2,051	5	\$ 17,000	1	\$ 74,931	1
Boston College	57,910	1	-	14	14,826	5	72,736	2
Wake Forest	54,430	4	1,010	11	16,740	2	72,180	3
Notre Dame	55,046	3	507	12	15,984	3	71,537	4
Syracuse	52,210	5	1,639	7	15,910	4	69,759	5
University of Miami	50,400	6	1,530	8	14,658	6	66,588	6
University of Pittsburgh	18,628	7	1,090	10	11,250	12	30,968	7
University of Virginia	14,148	8	2,484	2	11,703	9	28,335	8
Clemson	13,838	9	1,282	9	11,414	10	26,534	9
Georgia Tech	10,258	12	2,424	3	12,388	7	25,070	10
Virginia Tech	11,420	11	2,271	4	9,342	15	23,033	11
University of Louisville	11,732	10	201	13	9,452	14	21,385	12
North Carolina	7,019	13	1,967	6	11,740	8	20,726	13
North Carolina State	6,535	14	2,566	1	11,359	11	20,460	14
Florida State	6,517	15	-	14	10,780	13	17,297	15



DISCUSSION

