

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON**  
**STRATEGIC BUDGETING AND PLANNING**  
**April 21, 2022**

**Present:** Scott Case, Nikolaos Dervisis, Jeff Earley, Nancy Gruber, Dan Harrington, Don Hatfield, Tim Hodge, Mintai Kim, Ed Lener, Erin McCann, Liza Morris, Sean O’Keefe, and Michael Sorice

**Absent with Notice:** Cyril Clarke, Joe Merola and Ken Miller

**Absent:** Angel Carter, Joell Eifert, Bob Hicok and Anusha Prasad

**Guests:** Ted Price (substitute for Carol Cash), Ken Smith

**1. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 17, 2022**

The March 17, 2022 minutes have been approved and forwarded to the University Council for posting on the web.

**2. Presentation**

Dr. Ken Smith, Chief Operating Officer of Virginia Tech Innovation Campus, provided an update to the Council on the Innovation Campus. The Innovation Campus is being built in Northern Virginia for several reason, including the need for tech talent to fill the fast-growing technology jobs in the Greater DC area. The Commonwealth created the Tech Talent Investment Program (TTIP) to help fund the growth in the tech talent area, especially in tech fields for women and underrepresented minorities. The goal of the Innovation Campus is to unite academia, corporations, and federal agencies to reimagine what’s possible and to help transform and sustain Northern Virginia to be the next tech hub.

The Vision of the VT Innovation Campus will be both a place and a culture the unlocks the power of diverse people and ideas to solve the world’s most pressing problems through technology. The defining culture will be an outward-facing community, determined to live up to the term “innovation” along every dimension. This campus will also be the most diverse graduate tech program in the country, with 50% of the graduate students being in-state students. The initial focus will be on a Master of Engineering degree which will follow the project-based education format. There will also be traditional PhD/MS academic programs.

The Innovation Campus has already accepted partnerships with Boeing and Northrop Grumman, but continue to engage in partnership opportunities with other corporations, government and non-profits to create a topical consortia. The Innovation Campus is also partnering with Alexandria City Public Schools to promote computational thinking throughout the K-12 curriculum.

Dr. Smith finished his presentation touching on the size, costs, and location of the Innovation Campus, along with a 3-D tour of the main building. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

**3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.