MINUTES

UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
STRATEGIC BUDGETING AND PLANNING

May 23, 2002

PRESENT: Vernon Boggs, David de Wolf, David Ford, Scott Hurst, Clark Jones, Mark McNamee, Susan Magliaro, Jimmy Martin, John Moore, Don Mullins (for Dixie Reaves), Dwight Shelton, Larry Thompson, Don Waldron, Lisa Wilkes

ABSENT: Dan Dolan, Leon Geyer, Dixon Hanna, Josh Harrell, Rachel Holloway, Pat Hyer, Cliff Ragsdale, Minnis Ridenour, Robert Schubert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mark McNamee, University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2002 MINUTES

Dr. McNamee noted that the minutes of the April 18, 2002 meeting have been electronically approved and sent to University Council, and will be posted on the web.

3. PRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Dr. Clark Jones, Vice Provost for Outreach, provided the Council with an overview of the university’s outreach programs and initiatives as they relate to the university’s strategic plan. The Outreach overarching concept is to strengthen Virginia Tech’s leading role in the transfer of knowledge and expertise between the university and society, to the benefit of both, by sharing knowledge and experience between the university and the global community through teach, research and service. In response to the university’s strategic plan, the University Outreach program has developed five goals: (1) sustain the university’s commitment to the outreach mission; (2) expand quality life-long learning programs; (3) strengthen the relationship between outreach and extension; (4) organize, coordinate, communicate about, and integrate the various economic and community development activities at Virginia Tech; and (5) strengthen Virginia Tech’s role as a recognized leader in distance and distributed teach and learning, research and scholarship, and outreach.

Dr. Jones provided the Council with a brief overview of several current outreach initiatives. He also shared with the Council that in a study recently conducted by the
13-southern-state Southern Growth Policy Board, Virginia Tech was one of 12 institutions recognized as most effective in the country in economic development.

4. STATUS OF BUDGET REDUCTION PLANS

Mr. Dwight Shelton, Vice President for Budget and Financial Management, shared with the Council a handout summarizing the FY2002-03 Final Reduction Plans and additional handouts providing details. The total budget reductions for 2002-03 will be approximately $19 million - $15 million in Agency 208 and $4.2 million in agency 229. The final net reductions of all positions, after retirements, layoffs, and the elimination of vacant positions, will be 209.

The proposed 2002-03 University Budget will be presented for approval to the Board of Visitors at its June meeting.

5. UPDATE ON PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING PLAN

Dr. McNamee updated the Council on the proposed academic restructuring plan and provided a draft diagram showing colleges and consortia outlined in his April 22 and May 1 memos to the university community regarding college restructuring updates. The draft college restructuring plan will be presented for approval as a working document to the Board of Visitors at its June meeting. Alignment of departments is still in the discussion stage only.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.