

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Petersburg, Virginia 23806

MINUTES
Thursday, November 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University ("VSU") Board of Visitors ("Board") to order in the Board Room in Virginia Hall at 1:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Felix Davis, Jr., Rector (*absent*)
Ms. Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector
Brigadier General (RET) Alfred J. Cade, Secretary
Mr. George K. Anas, II
Mr. Jerry B. Bias (*absent*)
Mr. Harry Black
Dr. William C. Bosher
Mr. Allyn Myles Carnam
Ms. Catherine H. Gillespie
Mr. Terone Green
Mr. E. Ray Murphy
Ms. Daphne M. Reid
Mr. James H. Starkey, III
Ms. Barbara Steverson
Mr. Spencer L. Timm
Dr. Emmanuel Omojokun, Faculty Member Representative
Mr. Brandon Randleman, Student Government Association Representative

Administration Present:

Dr. Keith T. Miller, President
Dr. W. Weldon Hill, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Michael M. Shackelford, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Robert L. Turner, Jr., Vice President for Development
Mr. David J. Meadows, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Mr. Cortez K. Dial, Chief of Staff
Dr. Elliott L. Wheelan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources
Mr. Hubert Harris, Associate Vice President for Technology Services/CIO
Ms. Joanne Curtis Taylor, Chief Audit Executive

Legal Counsel Present:

Mr. Roscoe C. Roberts, University Legal Counsel
Ms. Bonnie N. Degen, Legal Assistant, University Legal Counsel
Ms. Christy G. Brown, Paralegal, University Legal Counsel

Other Attendees:

Ms. Elsie Weatherington, Dean, Library Services
Mr. Travis Edmonds, Office of Information Technology

OPENING REMARKS

The Vice Rector asked all present to pause for a moment of reverent silence.

Ms. Busser welcomed new board member Dr. William C. Boshier. A motion for his appointment to the Academic and Student Affairs and the Development committees of the board was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Starkey and carried by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Miller highlighted and discussed: the Powell Society Dinner; the Lewis College relationship; The Cameron Foundation community service project; faculty member publications; School of Agriculture's soybean rights; Hospitality Management internships; VSU's hosting of Kid's Tech University which focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Agriculture; two VSU students completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Academy; a VSU student entering the Secret Service Academy; Semester as Sea scholarships; the dual enrollment agreement with the Richmond Public School system; and the University's 2020 Vision Plan Progress Report.

The President introduced Dr. Elsie Weatherington, Dean of Library Services, who provided a brief overview of University Library services.

The Vice Rector adjourned the meeting of the full Board at 1:58 p.m. for concurrent committee sessions.

Board Meeting
Friday, November 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Katherine Busser, Vice Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (“VSU”) Board of Visitors (“Board”) to order in the Board Room in Virginia Hall at 8:34 a.m. Committee meetings were held on Thursday afternoon and the Board’s committee chair reports from those meetings are included in these minutes.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

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Mr. Travis Edmonds, Office of Information Technology
Mr. Aaron Tores, VSU Student

OPENING REMARKS

The Vice Rector expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the Board for the good work of the students, faculty, staff and the senior administration. In recognition of the military legacy of the University and the numerous accomplishments of the University, Vice Rector Busser asked all present to pause for a moment of reverent silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Rector Busser called for approval of the minutes of the Board meeting held September 22, 2011. A motion for their approval was made by BG (RET) Cade, seconded by Mr. Black, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

Vice Rector Busser called for approval of the minutes of the Resource and Governance Committee meeting held October 10, 2011. A motion for their approval was made by BG (RET) Cade, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with §§ 2.2-3711(A)(1), (A)(7), (A)(10) and (A)(19) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board convened in closed session at 8:40 a.m. to discuss personnel matters, consultation with legal counsel, honorary degrees or special awards, and data and information security. The motion provided that President Miller, Attorney Roberts, and Mr. Meadows attend the closed meeting as their presence was deemed necessary to aid the Board in its deliberations.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:34 a.m., in accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the *Code of Virginia*. BG (RET) Cade conducted the poll in which all Board members certified that the Board only discussed personnel matters, honorary degrees or special awards, data and information security

and consulted with legal counsel, as authorized by law. All Board members present certified compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

On behalf of the Resource and Governance committee, Ms. Reid presented and moved for approval the actions discussed in closed session regarding the President's evaluation and compensation. The motion carried by roll call voice vote.

On behalf of the Resource and Governance committee, Ms. Reid presented and moved for approval the permanent adjustment to the President's contract. The motion carried by roll call voice vote.

On behalf of the Resource and Governance committee, Ms. Reid presented and moved for approval the acceptance of the resignation of President Emeritus Eddie N. Moore, Jr. The motion carried by roll call voice vote. The board accepted the resignation of President Moore with regret. The board expressed its profound appreciation for all of the great service he has provided to Virginia State University over the past 17 years. The board wished him the best in all of his future endeavors. President Emeritus Moore is forever welcome at Virginia State University.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Miller gave a brief recap of committee presentations given Thursday and the forward progress of the University, and highlighted the well-received VSU Today broadcast.

The President introduced VSU student, Mr. Aaron Tores, Senior, Accounting Major. Mr. Tores shared with the Board his reasons for selecting VSU and discussed his experiences as a non-traditional student and how the University has equipped him for success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic and Student Affairs

Ms. Barbara Steverson, Chair of the **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**, highlighted the committee's agenda items.

Provost Hill discussed: the University's competitive national retention rate (76%) and strategic growth in enrollment.

On behalf of the committee, Ms. Steverson presented for approval, the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws in honor of The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, the 71st Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion carried by roll call voice vote. The degree will be presented to the Governor at Winter Commencement.

Dr. Hill provided a brief overview of the research foundation which would serve as a clearing house for all research dollars as well as a robust tool in developing the University's capacity for research

funding, research patents and intellectual property interests. Formal approval by the board will be sought at the January 2012 board meeting. The committee sought the support of the board to move forward with the VSU Research Foundation initiative. The initiative received board support by voice vote.

Dr. Shackelford discussed: enrollment management; significant changes within financial aid; and transfer rates.

On behalf of the Student Government, Mr. Randleman discussed: student community service efforts; issuance of student discount cards for student use with various area merchants; and student on-campus facility usage prices.

On behalf of the committee, Ms. Steverson congratulated Mr. Randleman on the honor of being elected as the Vice Chair of the Student Advisory Committee of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

Facilities, Finance, and Audit Committee

Mr. E. Ray Murphy, Chair of the **Facilities, Finance and Audit Committee**, presented and moved on behalf of the committee, the resolution authorizing the property exchange between Virginia State University and the City of Colonial Heights; the motion carried by roll call voice vote. The committee will have the value of the properties being transferred assessed and will provide the information at the January 2012 board meeting. Ms. Busser recommended, pending the receipt of the assessments, the board authorize the Rector to approve the land exchange transaction provided the assessments do not require a second review by the board.

Mr. Meadows discussed the University's information technology: infrastructure; improvements; completed projects; upcoming projects; the mission of the strategic taskforce and the Governor's initiatives. Mr. Starkey inquired about outsourcing the information technology infrastructure, discussion ensued.

Mr. Murphy discussed the President's residence and moving forward with demolition of the residence, adjacent guest housing, garages and site preparation; total cost is approximately \$220,000. Mr. Meadows will explore funding options, which will be presented to the board prior to demolition work. Discussion ensued. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Murphy moved for approval the demolition plan of the President's residence. The motion carried by roll call voice vote; Mr. Green voted no. Mr. Green requested additional information regarding the demolition of the historical President's residence and future plans for the site. Mr. Murphy indicated that staff could accommodate Mr. Green's request for additional information regarding the board's decisions and the inhabitability of the President's residence.

On behalf of the University, Mr. Meadows will be in Hampton, Virginia, as Virginia State University and three other State agencies will be recognized by the Governor for excellence in procurement operations as well as diversity in Small Women and Minority (SWaM) achievements.

Mr. Murphy highlighted year-to-date audit activity: several reported hotline issues have all been resolved; an audit of presidential expenditures exposed no issues; and a report on ethics within the University is anticipated in the next week.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Murphy asked the board to support the selection of an external reviewer and an external assessment of the Internal Audit Department's Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP) five year review cycle. A full external assessment was completed in June of 2007 and validation is planned for completion no later than June 30, 2012. The selection and review received board support by voice vote. Discussion ensued.

Development Committee

Mr. James H. Starkey, III, Chair of the **Development Committee**, stated that the committee is excited about the direction that the University is going and its fundraising opportunities.

The University's major gifts received through October 31, 2011, total \$330,020; Inaugural Ball net proceeds \$102,000; and Presidential Golf Tournament \$32,000. Current fiscal year funds raised to date total \$1,228,656.24 which has surpassed the prior fiscal year.

Mr. Starkey highlighted eight fundraising projects: Dr. Billy Taylor Jazz Studies Programs; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; Former Board Members; Chesterfield Avenue Feasibility Study; Lewis College; and The Cameron Foundation.

The committee discussed and recommended that the board extend an invitation to the Chair of the VSU Foundation and the President of the National Alumni Association to be members of the Development Committee and attend the January 2012 Development Committee meeting. The recommendation received board support.

Resource and Governance Committee

Mr. George Anas reported on behalf of the Resource and Governance Committee, and expressed gratitude for President Miller's time and service and the committee is excited to work with him moving forward.

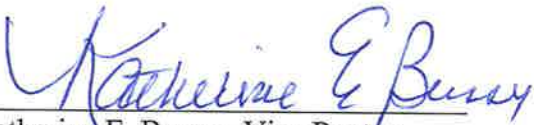
MISCELLANEOUS

At 11:00 a.m., BG (RET) Cade led the board into the national moment of silence in recognition and remembrance of the service of all veterans and the active duty American men and women in uniform that are exposed to constant danger around the world.

Attorney Roberts presented and reviewed the proposed Firearms and Weapons on Campus Regulation. Ms. Busser moved that the board adopt the Firearms and Weapons on Campus Regulation with an adoption date of November 16, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starkey and carried by roll call voice vote.

The Virginia State University Board of Visitors sends condolences to the family of Dr. Thomas N. Law, a former President of Virginia State University. The board recognized the service Dr. Law provided to the University, including the transition from Virginia State College to Virginia State University.

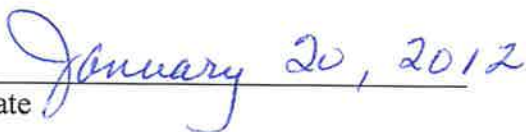
There being no further business, the Vice Rector adjourned the meeting of the Board at 12:05 p.m.



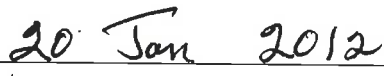
Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector



Alfred J. Cade, Secretary



Date



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Virginia State University

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Resolution
In Honor of

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell

Governor of The Commonwealth of Virginia
*Candidate for the Honorary Degree
Doctor of Laws*

Whereas, the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell was sworn in as the 71st Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 16, 2010; and

Whereas, in his campaign for the office of governor, he received nearly 59% of the vote, the most of any candidate for governor in Virginia history; and

Whereas, Governor McDonnell represents Virginia in the following leadership roles: serving as Chairman of the Republican Governors Association, Chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board, Chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee of the National Governors Association, and Chair of the Southern States Energy Board; and

Whereas, in 2011, 92% of his legislative proposals passed the bi-partisan Virginia General Assembly, including his plan that makes the largest investment in transportation in Virginia in a generation, and a legislation to make college more affordable and accessible for Virginia students; and

Whereas, the top priority concerns of Governor McDonnell are job creation and economic development. Since he took office, the unemployment rate has fallen from 7.2% to 6.5%, and Virginia was recently named by CNBC as "The Best State for Business" in this country: Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Virginia State University confer upon The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, The Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities appertaining thereto; and be it

Resolved further, that the Board of Visitors at it November 11, 2011 meeting directed the President of the University to present to The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, on the occasion of the 2011 Winter Commencement of the University this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded him by the Board of Visitors, the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Virginia State University; and be it

Resolved finally, that a copy of this Resolution be encased and maintained permanently in the Archives of the University.

Katherine E. Bussler
Vice Rector

December 17, 2011
Date

Alfred Jada
Secretary

December 17 2011
Date

**RESOLUTION OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS**

AUTHORIZING PROPERTY EXCHANGE

WHEREAS, Section 23-4.1 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the board of visitors or trustees of all State educational institutions to lease or sell and convey whatever interest they may have in real property that has been or may hereafter be acquired by purchase, will, deed or gift.

WHEREAS, access from the Virginia State University campus to their property located at 475 Dupuy Avenue is required for land development.

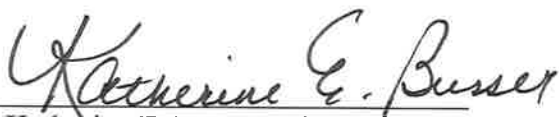
WHEREAS, development of 475 Dupuy Avenue will support additional student and visitor parking, safe vehicular and pedestrian traffic and campus enhancement.

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors supports the mutually advantageous property exchange with the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia reflecting the Campus Master Plan and 20/20 Vision Plan.

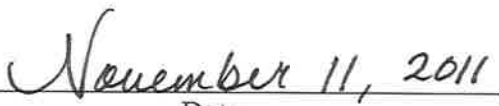
WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors supports the conveyance of a land area fronting Dupuy Avenue, approximately 20 feet wide and 310 feet long or .14 acres, to the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia.

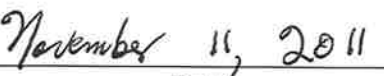
WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors supports the conveyance of a land area fronting Martin Luther King Road, approximately 100 feet wide and 494 feet long or 1.14 acres, from the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia.

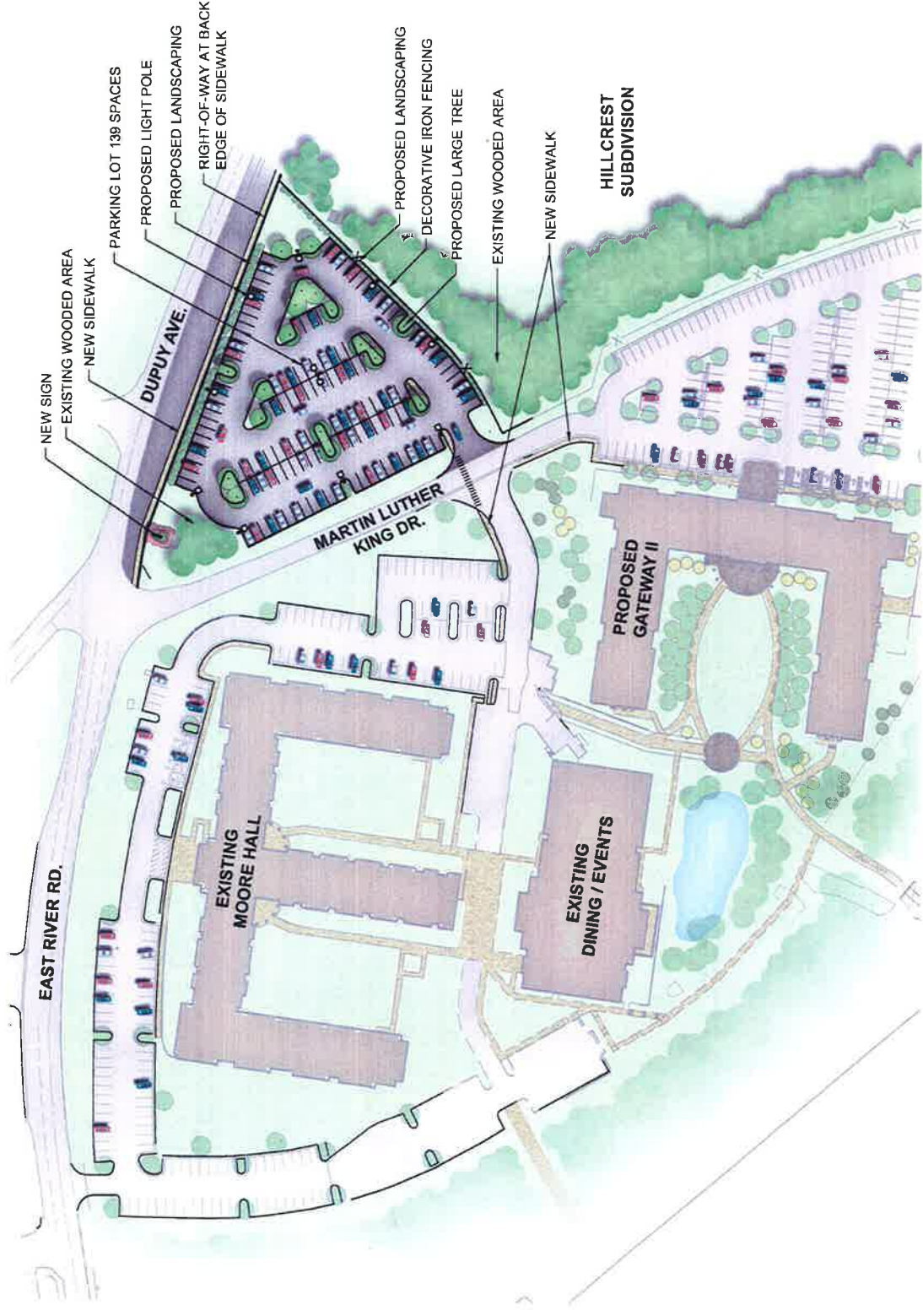
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Visitors of Virginia State University hereby authorizes a property exchange with the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia.


Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector


Alfred J. Cade, Secretary


Date


Date



Proposed Plant List: VSU Wilkins Property Parking Lot
Native / Adaptable Species

Common Name	Scientific Name	Native / Adaptable Species
Large Deciduous Shade Trees		
Red Bud	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Native Species
Red Gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Native Species
White Oak	<i>Quercus prinus</i>	Native Species
Shrubs		
Chinese Holly	<i>Ilex chinensis</i>	Adaptable Species
Cherry Laurel	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Adaptable Species
Japanese Holly	<i>Ilex pedunculata</i>	Adaptable Species
Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Native Species
Winterberry Holly	<i>W. verticillata</i>	Native Species
Groundcovers		
Large	<i>Ligularia sibirica</i>	Adaptable Species



*No plants proposed are listed on the most current publication of Virginia Invasive Species.
*Plantings will be respectful of Safety and Security CPTED Principles with maximum height/density descriptions for maintenance.

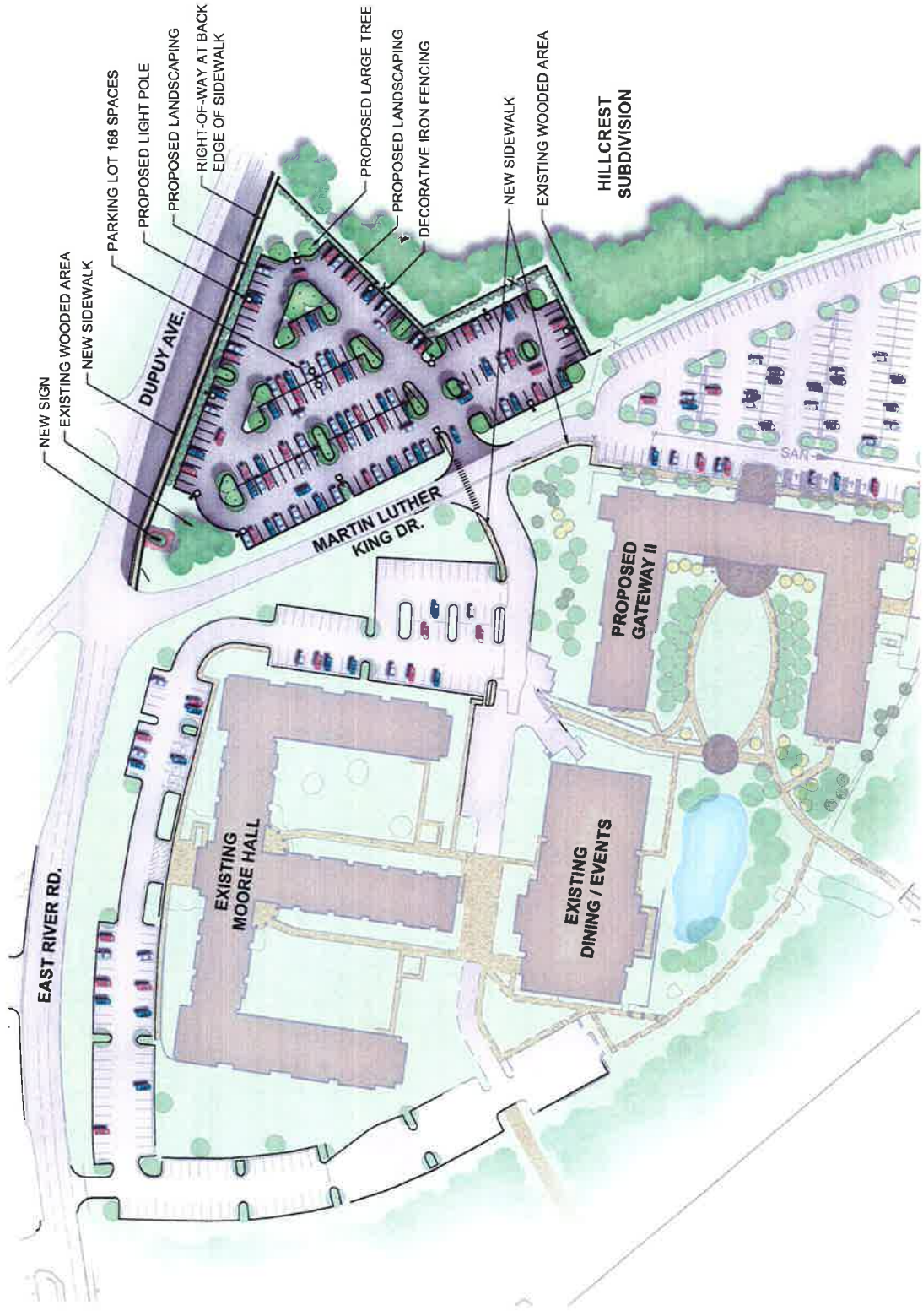
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Wilkins Property Parking Lot Option 1 - 139 Spaces



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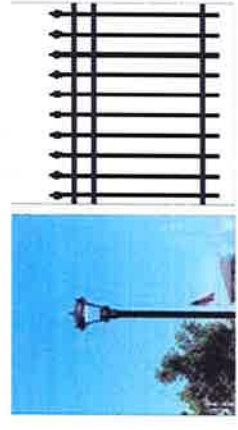
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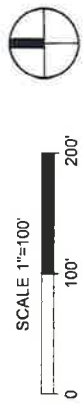
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Common Name	Scientific Name
Large Deciduous Shade Trees	
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
White Oak	<i>Quercus prinus</i>
Black Oak	<i>Quercus nigra</i>
White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
Shrubs	
Chinese Holly	<i>Ilex cornuta</i>
Red Holly	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Green Holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>
Boxwood	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>
Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Ilex verticillata 'Red Spike'</i>
Winterberry	<i>Illicium parviflorum</i>
Groundcovers	
Linum	<i>Linum catharticum</i>

Note: Plants proposed are listed on the most current publication of Virginia Invasive Species. Planning will be respectful of Safety and Security CPTED Principles with maximum height/density descriptions for maintenance.



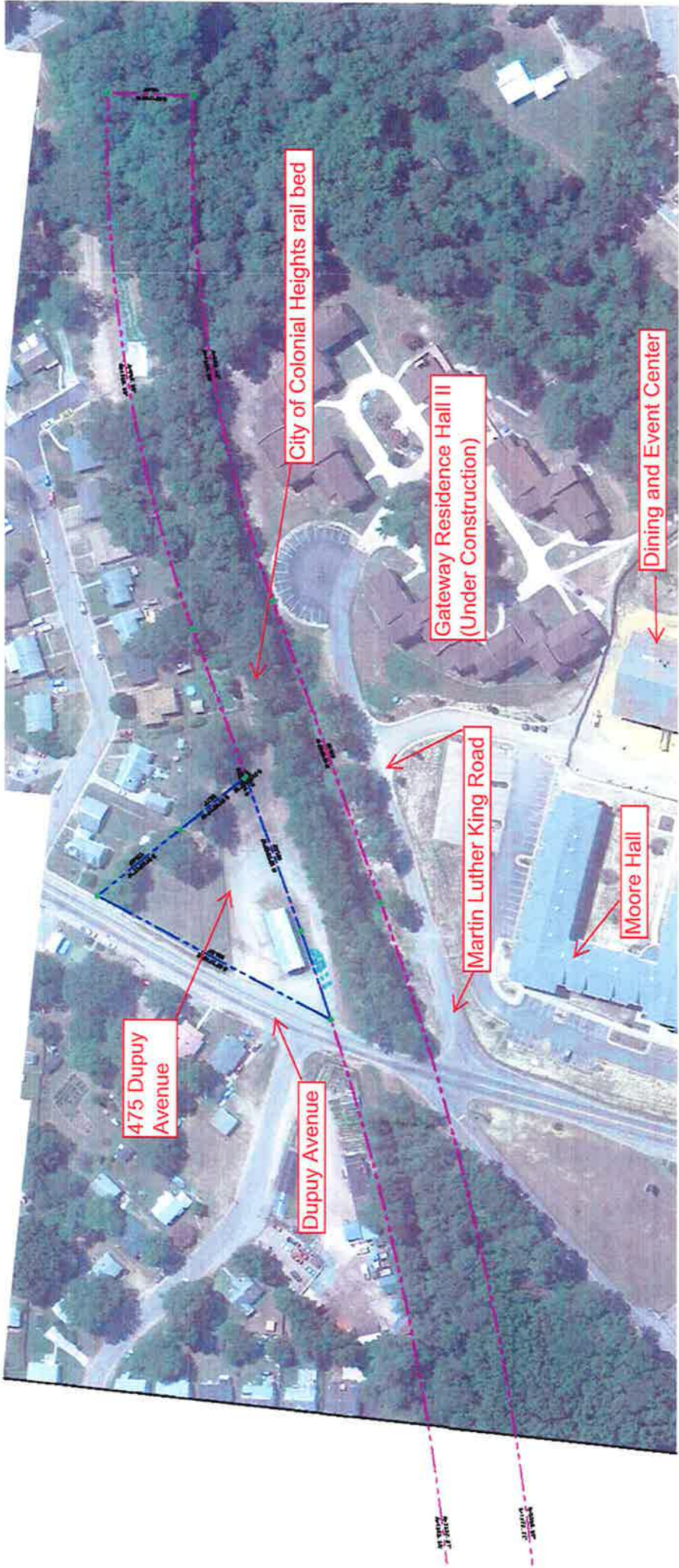
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Wilkins Property Parking Lot Option 2 - 168 Spaces



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Moore Hall

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VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Weapons

CHAPTER 10

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

8VAC110-10-10. Definitions.

The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Firearms" are defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, or handgun designed to fire any projectile including but not limited to bullets, BBs, pellets, or shots, including paint balls, regardless of the propellant used.

"Police officer" means law-enforcement officials appointed pursuant to Article 3 (§ 15.2-1609 et seq.) of Chapter 16 and Chapter 17 (§ 15.2-1700 et seq.) of Title 15.2, Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23, Chapter 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.) of Title 29.1, and Chapter 1 (§ 52-1 et seq.) of Title 52 of the Code of Virginia, currently sworn federal law-enforcement officers, and currently sworn and certified law enforcement officers of all other jurisdictions of the United States of America.

"University property" means any property owned, leased, or controlled by Virginia State University.

"Weapons" are defined as any instrument of combat, or any object not designed as an instrument of combat but carried for the purpose of inflicting or threatening bodily injury. Examples include but are not limited to firearms, knives with fixed blades or pocket knives with

blades longer than four inches, razors, metal knuckles, blackjacks, hatchets, bows and arrows, nun chahkas, foils, stun weapons, or any explosive or incendiary device. "Stun weapon" is defined as any device that emits a momentary or pulsed output which is electrical, audible, optical, or electromagnetic in nature and which is designed to temporarily incapacitate a person.

8VAC110-10-20. Possession of firearms and weapons prohibited.

The university's employees, students, and volunteers are prohibited from carrying, maintaining, or storing a firearm or weapon on any university property. Any visitor or other third party attending a sporting, entertainment, or educational event, or visiting an academic or administrative office building, dining facility, or residence hall is prohibited from carrying, maintaining, or storing a firearm or weapon on any university facility, even if the owner has a valid permit. This prohibition also applies to all events on campus where people congregate in any public or outdoor areas.

Any such individual who is reported or discovered to possess a firearm or weapon on university property will be asked to remove it immediately from university property. Failure to comply may result in a student conduct referral, an employee disciplinary action, or arrest.

8VAC110-10-30. Exceptions to prohibition.

The following groups are exempted from this chapter:

1. Employees may possess or carry a firearm or weapon only if the employee is:
 - a. Required to possess the firearm or weapon as a part of the employee's job duties with Virginia State University;
 - b. Using the firearm or weapon in conjunction with training received by the employee in order to perform the responsibilities of his job with the university; and

c. Residing in university owned houses and are permitted to keep personal firearms on these premises; however, this exception does not extend to employees living in university residence halls.

2. A certified and sworn police officer employed by the Virginia State University Department of Police and Public Safety who is:

a. Currently a sworn and certified state or federal law enforcement officer who carries proper identification; and

b. Participating in a program sponsored by the Virginia State University Department of Police and Public Safety, wherein the firearms are provided by the department and utilized only during supervision by the department.

3. Students may possess and use appropriate tools, such as saws, knives, and other such implements, necessary for the performance of their job duties or school work, or for student recreational purposes approved under the University Policies for Student Life or while participating in a program sponsored by the Virginia State University Department of Police and Public Safety wherein the firearms are provided by the department and utilized only during supervision by the department.

4. Contractors and others on campus whose duties require possession and use of construction equipment, including but not limited to pneumatic nail guns, may possess and use such equipment only in performance of their job duties through a valid contractual or legal relationship with Virginia State University.

8VAC110-10-40. Person lawfully in charge.

In addition to individuals authorized by university policy, Virginia State University police officers and other police officers acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement or by concurrent

jurisdiction are lawfully in charge for the purposes of forbidding entry upon or remaining upon university property while possessing or carrying weapons in violation of this prohibition.