

**June Board Meeting Highlights:
Board of Visitors extends contract of
Tim Sands; sets university budget at
\$1.6 billion for 2018-19 fiscal year**

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved a \$1.6 billion university budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019) at its meeting on June 4, 2018.

The board also took action to extend the contract of university president Tim Sands through 2024.

Next year's budget represents a \$34.5 million increase over this year's university budget, or 2.3 percent, primarily driven by enrollment growth in the educational and general program. Also contributing to the increase are university plans to grow student financial aid and projected growth of auxiliary enterprise revenue.

The 2018-19 operating budget includes the integration of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, increases in student financial aid, funds to support a 2 percent merit program for faculty and university staff, resources needed to support continued quality education to meet enrollment demand, and support to help advance strategic goals.

Visit vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2018/06/bov-june-overview for other highlights and information from the June Board of Visitors meeting.

**Corporate Research Center honors
Ray Smoot by naming road after him**

The Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center held a dedication ceremony last Tuesday, June 5 to officially name Smoot Drive to honor Raymond J. Smoot Jr. for his vision for and leadership of not only the research park, but the Virginia Tech Foundation and the university as a whole.

Visit vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2018/06/photos--road-near-virginia-tech-corporate-research-center-dedica for the full story and for photos from the ceremony.

June 21 Social Security 101 sessions

The Division of Human Resources is hosting free workshops where you will learn everything you want to know about Social Security. Guest speaker and Social Security representative Jacqueline Weisgarber will answer questions such as:

- When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
- How does early retirement affect your benefits?
- Do you qualify for disability, survivor, and spouse benefits?
- How do you get the most from your benefit?
- What is the future of Social Security?
- When should you file for Medicare?

Attendees will also learn how to use their "my Social Security" online account and other online services. The following sessions are available; Zoom sessions are available for those who cannot join in person.

- June 21, 2018, 9 – 11 a.m., North End Center, Room 2420
<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/717501123>
Dial-In: +1 929 436 2866
Meeting ID: 717 501 123
- June 21, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., North End Center, Room 2420
<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/219884722>
Dial-In: +1 669 900 6833
Meeting ID: 219 884 722

Visit vtnews.vt.edu/notices/hr-socialsecurityworkshop-062018 for more information.

**Virginia Tech to hold 'Lights
Out!/Power Down!' event June 26**

For one hour on June 26, Virginia Tech students and employees in Blacksburg will be asked to turn off and unplug all noncritical lighting and electrical loads in their residence halls, classrooms, offices, and laboratories during the annual Lights Out!/Power Down! event, which tests our ability to reduce energy usage upon request.

To conserve energy, community members will be asked to:

- Turn off lights in offices, common areas, and hallways.
- Turn off personal computers and peripherals not in use.
- Turn off shared electronics (televisions, projectors, copiers, printers, fax machines, etc.) not in use.

- Unplug appliances (coffee makers, refrigerators, washers/dryers, cooking equipment, etc.) not in use.
- Turn off laboratory equipment not in use.

Throughout the day, Facilities Department employees will canvas campus to encourage and assist building occupants to turn off unnecessary lights and equipment and power down. In addition, air conditioning levels in select, noncritical areas will be reduced. Those impacted will be notified prior to the event.

Campus electric power consumption will be monitored before, during, and after the event to determine the impact of campus participation.

Fifth annual Summer Beer Festival is June 23

This year's Beer Festival at Virginia Tech will be held June 23 at the Holtzman Alumni Center Lawn and Terrace. The event will feature live entertainment by The Dundies and The Sauerkraut Band, with live broadcasting featuring Drez from 105.3 The Bear.

More than 50 beers from local, regional, and national breweries will be available for sampling, in addition to menu items from local restaurants and food trucks. Attendees can enjoy tailgating games, mingle with special Virginia Tech guests, and relax on the festival lawn.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the festival. Cost for regular admission is \$25 (\$35 at the festival) and includes festival activities, 15 4-oz. beer tastings, and a commemorative glass. Admission-only tickets are \$5 for designated drivers, those not drinking beer, and guests ages 13-20. Children 12 and under are free.

Visit vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2018/06/alumni-beerfestival for more information, including volunteer opportunities and how to sign up.

Summer Arts Festival 2018 underway now

The 2018 Summer Arts Festival, presented in partnership between the School of Performing Arts at Virginia Tech and the Town of Blacksburg, is under way now and offers a summer-long season of activities and entertainment. This is the 27th year of the festival. All events are free and family friendly.

The festival will feature Friday night outdoor concerts, a matinee series at the Lyric Theatre, live theatre events, an art exhibit, and other special events. Visit vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2018/05/sopa-summerarts-festival2018 for more information, including Friday night outdoor concerts.

Hokie Wellness updates

Check out these upcoming events and opportunities from Hokie Wellness:

Hokie Wellness will offer a **vaccination clinic on Tuesday, July 17, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in NEC Room 2410**. Employees can receive the new Shingles (part 1 or part 2), the TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), and pneumonia vaccinations. The new shingles vaccination, Shingrix, is available without a prescription for anyone age 50 and over who has never had shingles before. The pharmacist will discuss health history, including any immune system problems, to determine eligibility. Those employees who have received part 1 of the vaccine are encouraged to attend in order to receive part 2.

Registration is required. Contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or 540-231-8878.

Do not let student debt prevent the purchase of a home. Hokie Wellness will offer the financial wellness session, "Purchasing a Home when You have Student Debt," on **Wednesday, June 27, from 12-1:30 p.m. in NEC Room 2410**.

Registration is required. Contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or 540-231-8878.

Researchers in the Department of Psychology are recruiting Virginia Tech staff employees for a study about daily activity levels. Participation will consist of the completion of an online opt-in survey, attendance of a 15 minute study training session, and a 10 day daily survey period during which you will be asked to wear a wrist-worn device that tracks physical activity and sleep. Participants may earn up to \$110 as compensation for their participation. For more information, please contact Dr. Charles Calderwood by emailing WSRLab-g@vt.edu or by calling 540-231-5870.

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