

# VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MAY 12, 2023 JAMES BRANCH CABELL LIBRARY 901 PARK AVENUE - ROOM 303 RICHMOND, VA

#### **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Andrew Florance, Chair

Mr. Ed McCoy, Vice Chair

Dr. Dale Jones

Rev. Tyrone Nelson

Mr. Keith Parker

Dr. Tonya Parris-Wilkins

Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar

#### OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. H. Benson Dendy, III, Rector

Ms. Carolina Espinal, Vice Rector

Mr. Anthony Bedell

Mr. Peter Ferrell

Mr. Todd P. Haymore

Ambassador Lomellin

Ms. Swann

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Michael Rao, President

Dr. Meredith Weiss, Vice President for Administration

Ms. Jessica Bryant, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, Administration

**VCU Presidential Cabinet** 

Division of Administration leadership team

Staff and students from VCU and VCUHS

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Andrew Florance, Chair of the Administration Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

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#### **OPEN SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Florance began by sharing that the minutes for the March 24, 2023 meeting were provided to the committee in advance for review. Mr. Florance asked Dr. Weiss to present the other action items.

Dr. Weiss presented two action items related to the Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB). The first action item was an amendment to the university's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan to reflect the revised amount of funding for the AIAB. The Board of Visitors (BOV) approved this project in May 2019 at an estimated cost of \$181M. The 2022 General Assembly later approved \$163M in state funding for the project, with the understanding that the balance of \$18M would be funded by the university. Since 2019, there have been significant inflation and supply chain disruptions, therefore VCU and the Virginia Department of General Services worked together to determine a revised cost of \$253M. \$232.4M will be funded by the state with the balance of \$20.6M funded by the university. Dr. Weiss also shared the project plans for review and board approval.

Dr. Weiss presented the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan. She explained that as part of the Commonwealth's biennial budget process, the university prepares and the BOV approves a Six-Year Capital Plan based on the priorities outlined in the Quest 2028: One VCU Together We Transform strategic plan and the One VCU Master Plan. The Six-Year Capital Plan is approved by the BOV in the spring of every odd year and projects are broken down into three biennia. Dr. Weiss noted that the Six-Year Capital Plan timeline is optimistic and does not guarantee that a particular project will come to fruition, as funding and shifting priorities can delay or cancel a project. She highlighted the need behind a number of projects prioritized for the first biennium of the plan. Dr. Weiss then went through each of the biennia, discussing the projects and their proposed funding source.

Dr. Weiss then shared the request to initiate a major capital project for the Athletics Village Phase I - Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields. This is the first of four phases for the Athletics Village. The estimated cost of Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields is \$38M and will be funded by the sale of the Sports Backers Stadium property and private funds.

Mr. Florance asked the Committee members if they had any changes to these action items and asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of approval of the action items to the full board.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the March 24, 2023 meeting minutes, the Amendment to the 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan for AIAB, the Design Review and Approval of Project Plans for AIAB, the Resolution to Approve the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan and the Resolution to Initiate a Major Capital Project for the Athletics Village Phase I - Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields were approved. Mr. Andrew Florence, chair, abstained from the vote.

The meeting minutes are posted at <a href="https://bov.vcu.edu/meetings/minutes/">https://bov.vcu.edu/meetings/minutes/</a>. A copy of the other action item is attached hereto as *Attachment A* and is made a part hereof.

#### REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Florance asked Dr. Weiss to present the reports from the Division of Administration.

Dr. Weiss began her report by sharing a building and grounds update. She discussed VCU's campus tour route being updated to include the new STEM building as well as the efforts made by groundskeepers and Facilities Management to ensure that the tour route, like all campus areas, is clean and well maintained.

Dr. Weiss also provided an update on the ONE VCU facilities and real estate collaboration and the three projects currently underway for the VCU Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health.

Dr. Weiss gave an update on the development of the ONE VCU Sustainability Plan. She began with an overview of sustainability at VCU, including successes and current challenges. When highlighting successes, Dr. Weiss talked about the STARS Gold rating received in 2021 recognizing VCU as leaders in higher education sustainability, the 22 LEED certified buildings and the recently launched Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environment. She shared that despite VCU's many successes, emissions are not decreasing fast enough to meet critical carbon neutrality goals. That is why President Rao directed the ONE VCU Sustainability Plan Development Committee to work with campus experts and innovators to develop a new plan.

Dr. Weiss then shared the three draft goals for the ONE VCU Sustainability Plan development which align with Quest 2028. Goal one focuses on visibility and culture change, goal two on local impact, and goal three on global impact. The project team will work with faculty, students, staff and health system team members to identify and prioritize initiatives in these three areas to build an evidence-based, achievable and flexible plan that will be brought to the BOV in May 2024.

Dr. Weiss noted that following the Administration Committee charter, the committee would hear updates and metrics from individual areas within the Division of Administration and this meeting would highlight Technology Services. Dr. Weiss then introduced Chief Information Office Alex Henson to give his report.

Mr. Henson began with an overview of the Technology Services organization and services. He highlighted their strategic initiatives and areas of focus. Mr. Henson also discussed the current challenges that Technology Services is facing.

A copy of the presentations are attached hereto as *Attachment B* and is made a part hereof.

#### REPORTS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

Mr. Florance noted that there were several reports for informational purposes, specifically, the Capital Projects Update, which provides planning and construction updates for VCU's major

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capital projects, and the Administration Dashboard, which highlights key metrics from the different areas within the Division of Administration.

A copy of the Capital Projects Update is attached hereto as *Attachment C* and is made a part hereof.

A copy of the Administration Dashboard is attached hereto as *Attachment D* and is made a part hereof

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

On motion made and seconded, the Administration Committee of the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors convened into closed session, as permitted by Section 2.2-3711.A(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, to discuss the acquisition and disposition of certain real property for the university's strategic purposes, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the university's bargaining position and negotiating strategy. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **RECONVENED SESSION**

Following the closed session, the public was invited to return to the meeting. Mr. Florance, Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### **Resolution of Certification**

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution of certification was approved by a roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administration Committee certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Andrew Florance, Chair	X	
Mr. Ed McCoy, Vice Chair	X	
Dr. Dale Jones	X	
Rev. Tyrone Nelson	X	
Mr. Keith Parker	X	
Dr. Tonya Parris-Wilkins	X	
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar	X	
Mr. H. Benson Dendy, III, Rector	X	
Ms. Ms. Carolina Espinal, Vice Rector	X	

Mr. Florance asked the committee for a motion to recommend to the full board the approval of

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the resolution for the acquisition of real property and the resolution for the disposition of real property as discussed in closed session. The motion was duly made and seconded. Mr. Florance abstained from the vote. All other members present responding affirmatively, the closed session action items listed above were approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Florance asked the committee if there was any other business, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.





Approval of March 24, 2023 meeting minutes

### **Amendment to the 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan**

#### **Arts & Innovation Academic Building**

#### **Background**

VCU seeks approval to amend the university's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan to reflect the revised amount of funding for the Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB). The VCU Board of Visitors approved this project in May 2019 as part of the Six-Year Capital Plan at an estimated cost of \$181M, with the understanding that the balance of \$18M would be funded by the university. The 2022 General Assembly later approved state funding for the project. Since then, the state and VCU worked collaboratively to address cost increases due to inflation, construction expenses, anticipated supply chain disruptions, cost premiums for high rise construction and schedule impacts. This collaborative analysis between VCU and the Virginia Department of General Services, which included value engineering efforts, arrived at a revised cost of \$253M.

#### **Cost and funding**

\$232.4M will be funded by the state with the balance of \$20.6M funded by the university.

#### Recommendation

Authorize an amendment of the university's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan to reflect the revised \$253M funding for the AIAB.



#### Amendment to the 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan

Arts and Innovation Academic Building, 501 West Broad Street

#### **Background**

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#### **Considerations**

The proposed 212,652 square foot AIAB will be located on the southeast corner of Broad and Belvidere Streets, consolidating our nationally prominent arts and innovation programs into a single location. It will be home to new hybrid classroom-laboratories, interdisciplinary performance and makerspaces, and creative incubators for rapidly growing partnerships across arts, business, medicine and engineering.

Along with the Institute for Contemporary Art at the southwest corner of Broad and Belvedere, the AIAB will anchor the east side of the VCU Monroe Park Campus and act as a "front door" highlighting the university's status as a premier arts institution and providing a link to the downtown Richmond Arts District.

#### **Costs and funding**

\$232.4M will be funded by the state with the balance of \$20.6M funded by the university.

#### Recommendation

Authorize an amendment of the university's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan to reflect the revised \$253M funding for the AIAB.

### Design review and approval of project plans

Arts & Innovation Academic Building

#### **Background**

The proposed 212,652 gross square foot Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB) will be located on the southeast corner of Broad and Belvidere Streets, consolidating nationally prominent arts and innovation programs into a single location. Project plans depict the design of the project by illustrating the functional layout and adjacencies of the building. AIAB project plans were developed collaboratively with the design architect, William Rawn Associates, as well as the VCU School of the Arts, VCU daVinci Center for Innovation, VCU School of the Arts Center for the Creative Economy, and VCU Facilities Management.

#### Recommendation

Approve the project plans for the AIAB.



#### **Design Review and Approval of Project Plans**

Arts and Innovation Academic Building

#### **Background**

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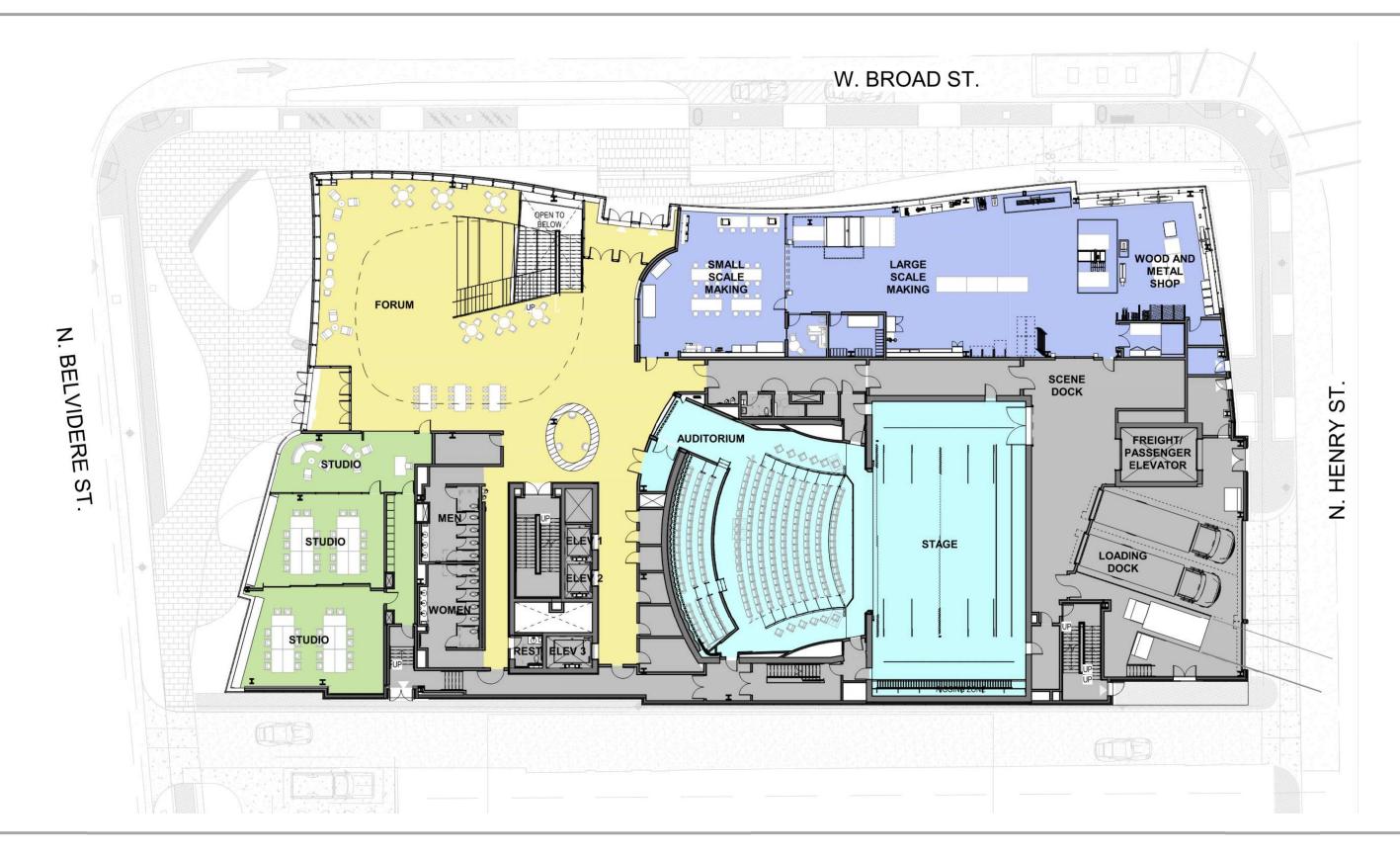
The VCU Board of Visitors approved this project in May 2019 as part of the Six-Year Capital Plan. VCU now seeks the board's review and approval of project plans, which is required by the VCU Management Agreement.

The project plans depict the design of the project by illustrating the functional layout and adjacencies of the building. The project plans were developed collaboratively with the design architect, William Rawn Associates, as well as the VCU School of the Arts, VCU daVinci Center for Innovation, VCU School of the Arts Center for the Creative Economy, and VCU Facilities Management.

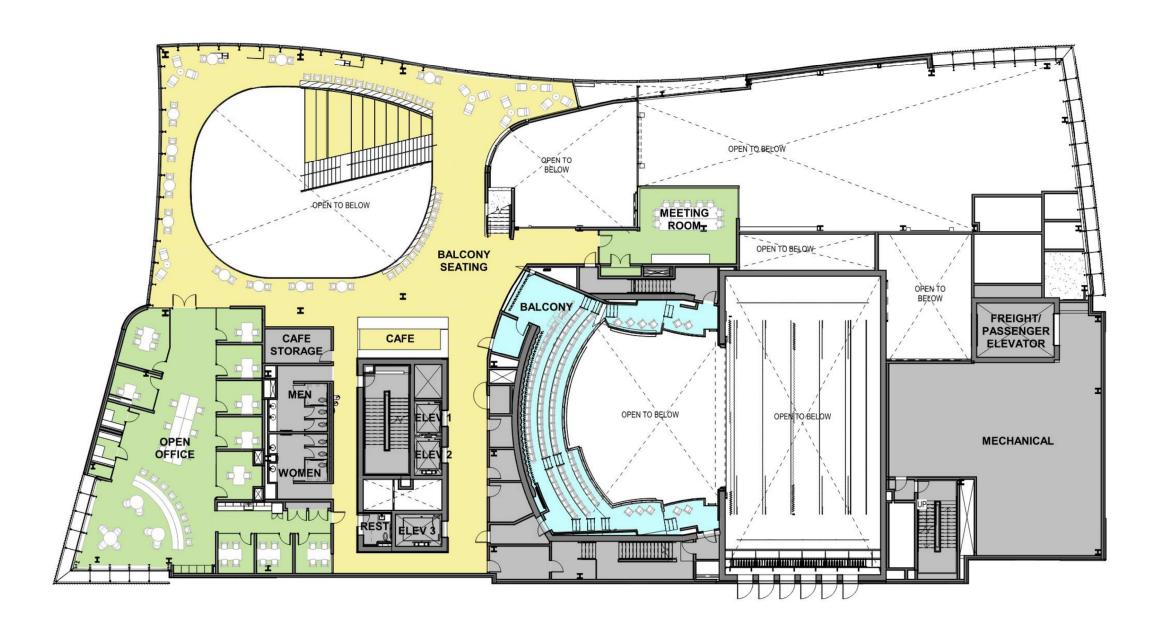
#### Recommendation

Approve the project plans for the AIAB.

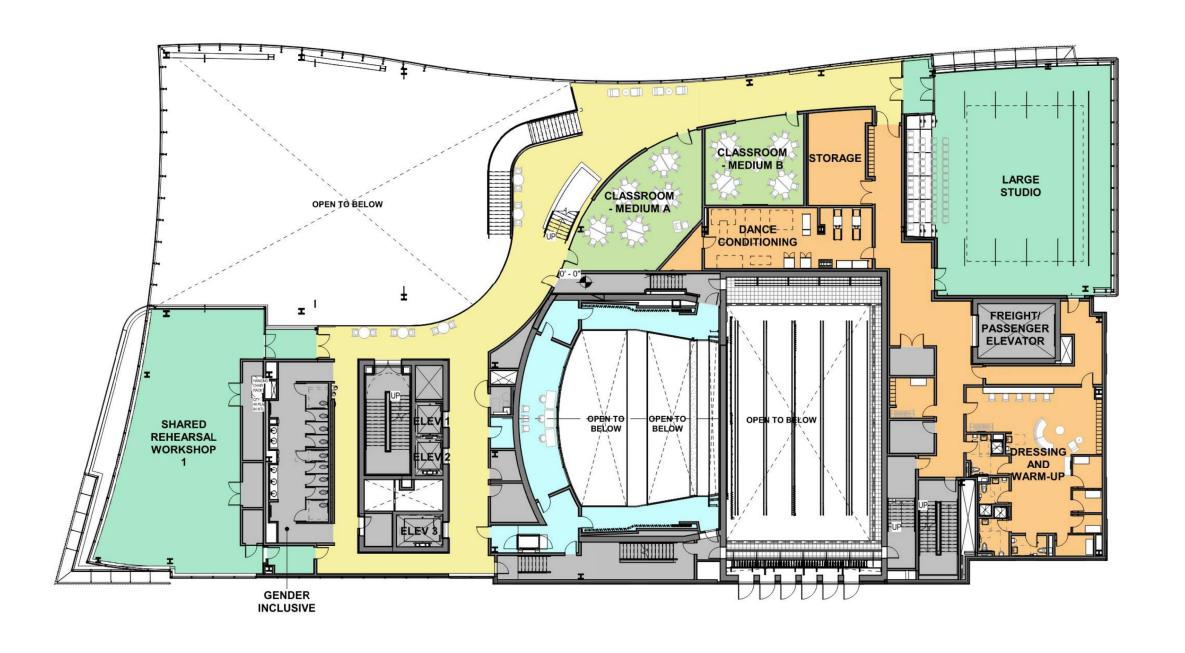




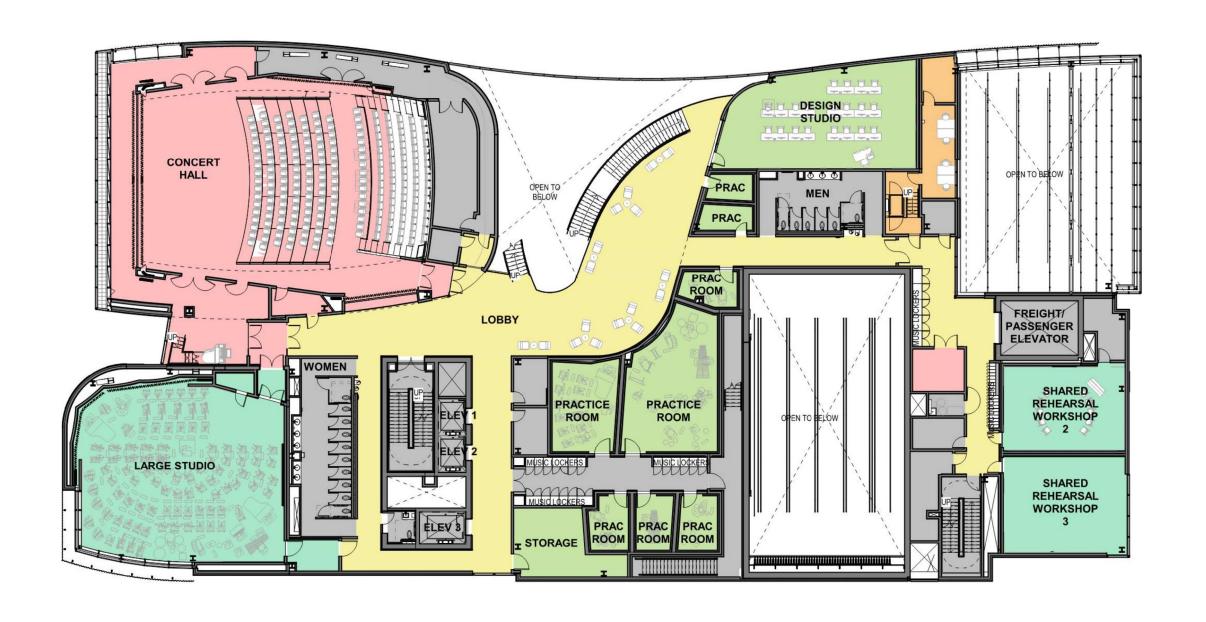




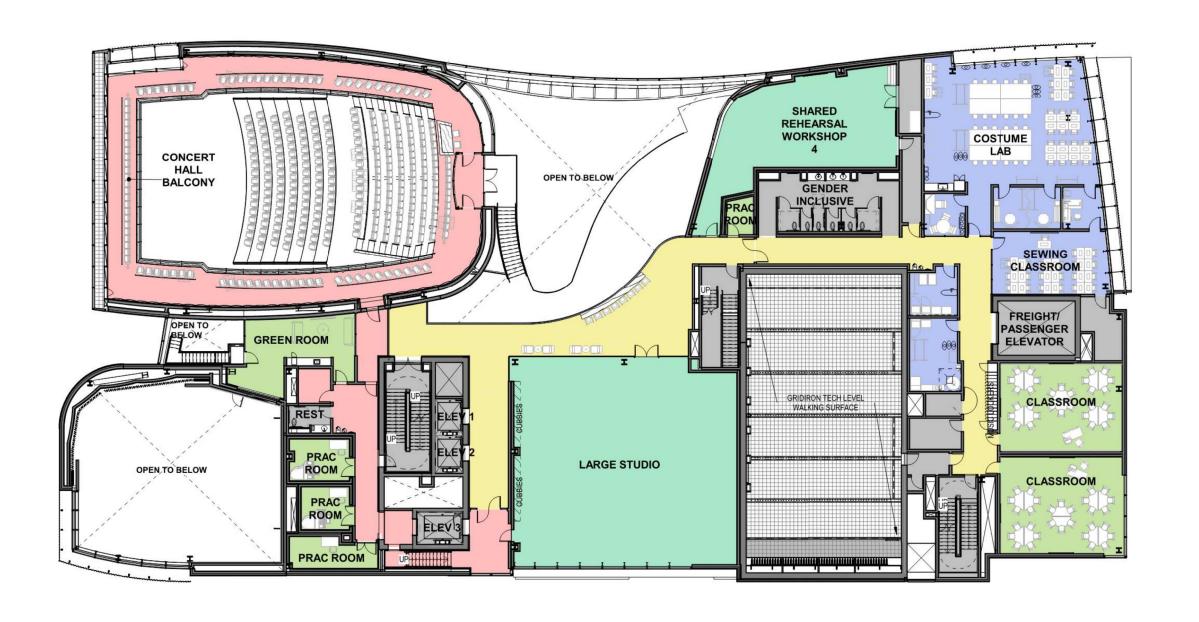




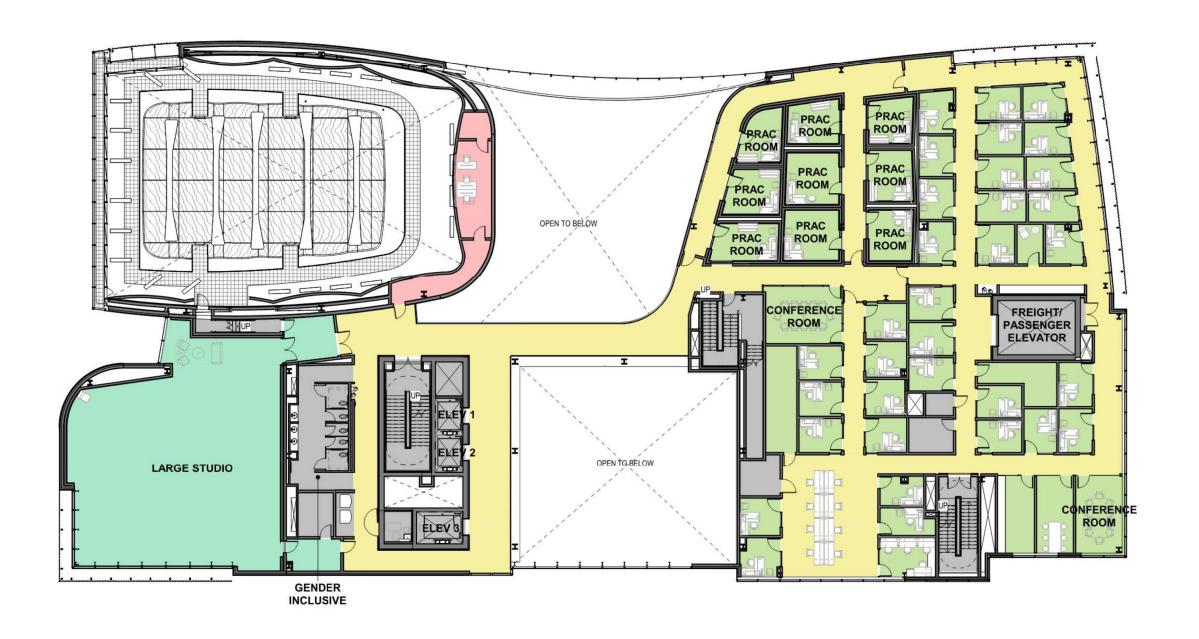




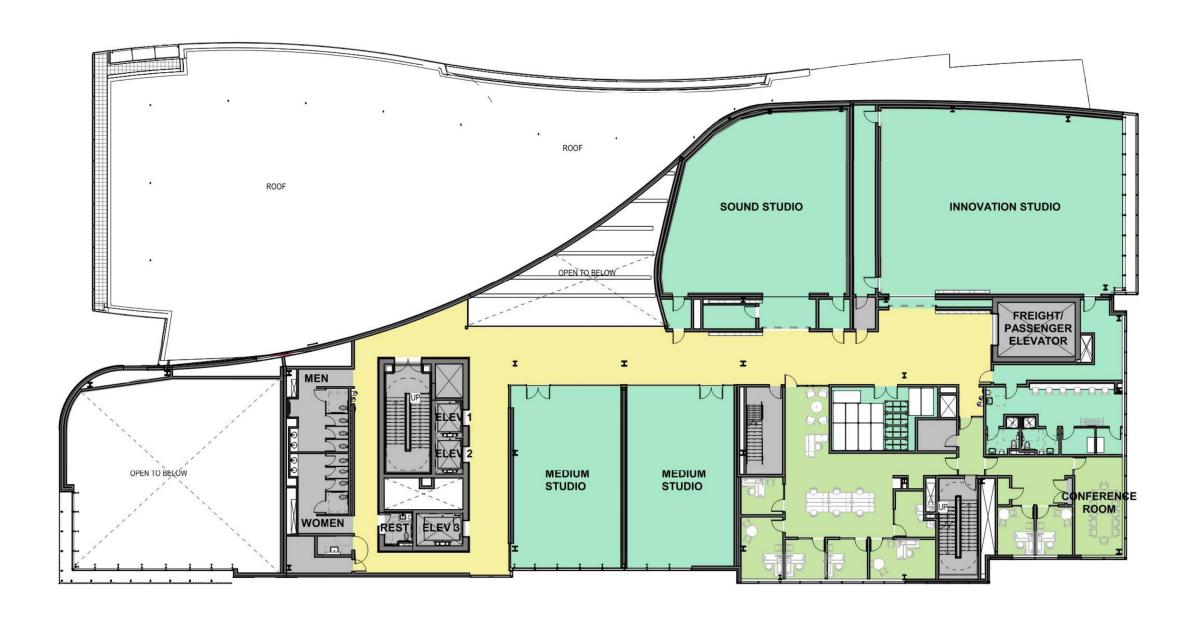




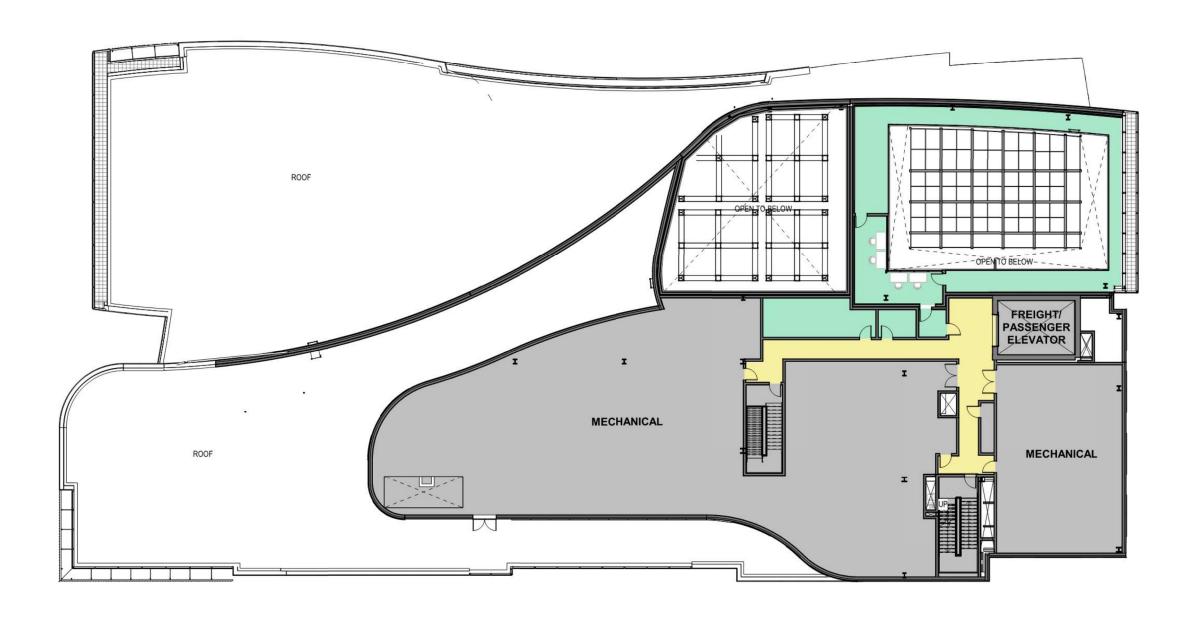




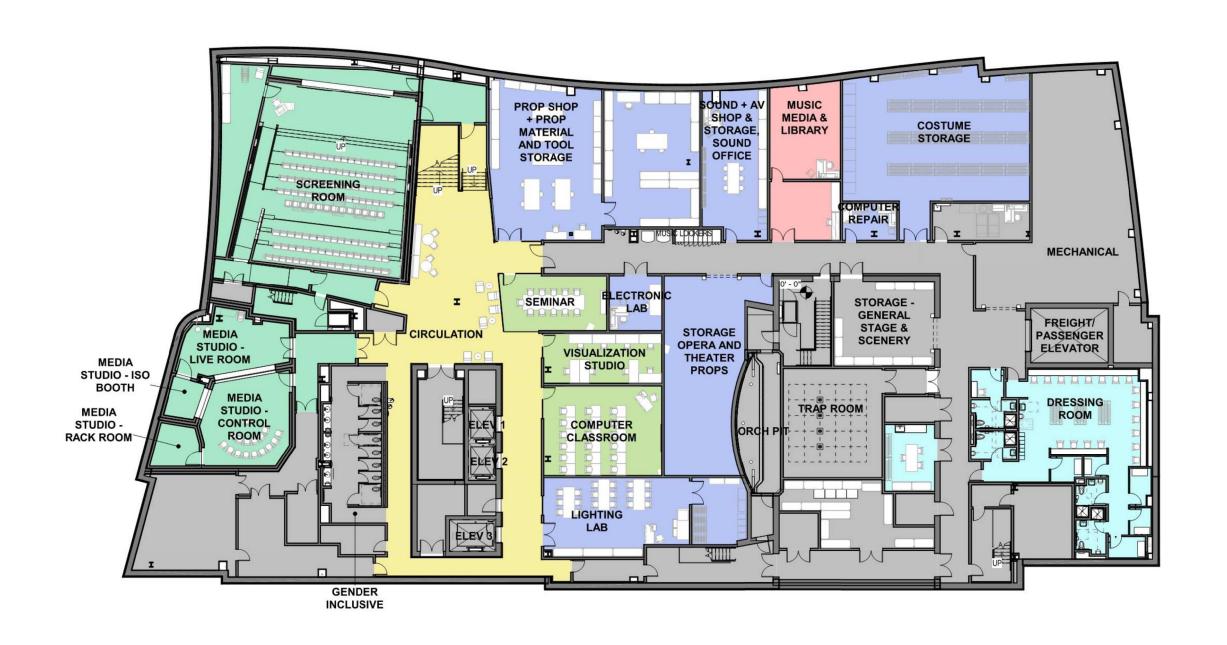














# Capital projects timeline



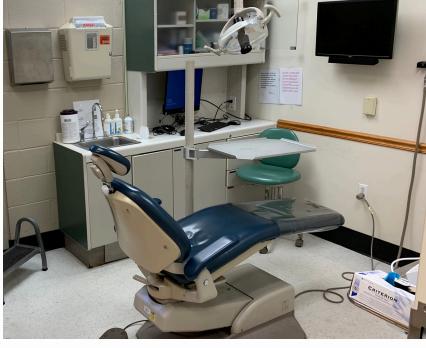
### Resolution to approve the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan

- The proposed Six-Year Capital Plan is a prioritization of key projects outlined in the ONE VCU Master Plan.
- As part of the Commonwealth's biennial budget process, the university prepares and the Board of Visitors approves the Six-Year Capital Plan. Projects are categorized as:
  - State projects: Requiring state funding and are submitted to the governor
  - University projects (including public-private partnerships):
     Requiring other funding sources and are not submitted to the governor
- The governor evaluates VCU's projected capital needs and incorporates recommendations into the Executive Budget for consideration by the General Assembly.



# **Dentistry Center**



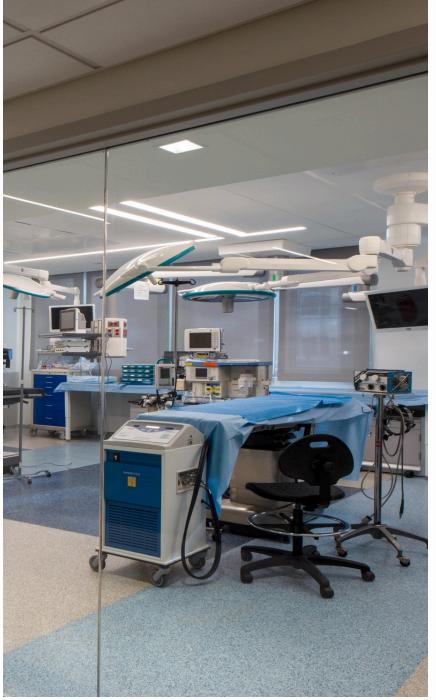






# Research





Interdisciplinary (Hyflex/Innovation) Classroom & Lab Building







# **Athletics Village**

Tennis courts, outdoor track, practice fields, soccer stadium & indoor field house

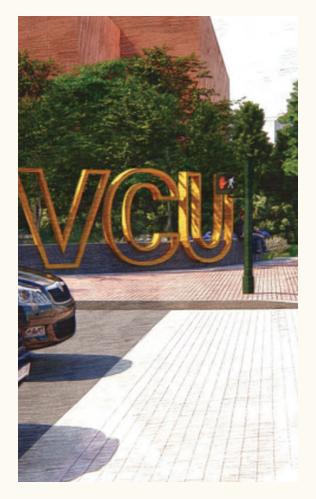


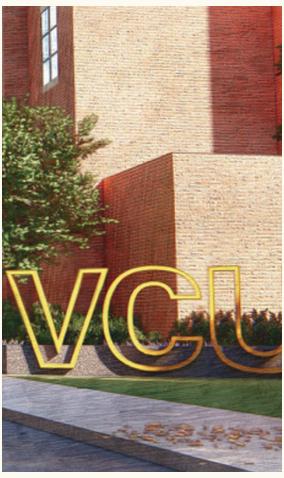


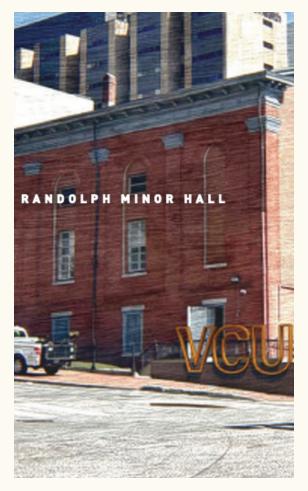


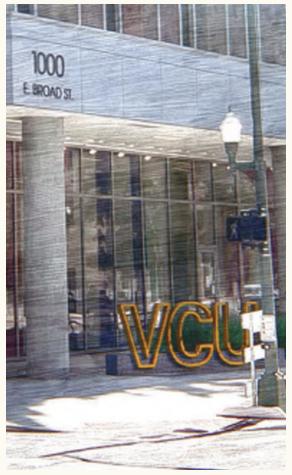


# **Front doors**









**Cary & Belvidere** 

Leigh & 12th

**Broad & College** 

**Broad & 10th** 

# **Honors Housing**

\*Initial renderings are subject to change





# Student Commons & Iconic Green



## 2024-2026 Biennium

Costs are estimated and will be revised through the design process

Project	State general fund	Cash/private	Debt	Р3	Total
State projects					
VCU Dentistry Center	\$415,276,126				\$415,276,126
Research Building	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$400,000,000
Interdisciplinary Classroom & Laboratory Building (Hyflex/Innovation)	\$201,205,837				\$201,205,837
University projects					
Student Housing Renovation - Johnson Hall		\$5,000,000	\$65,000,000		\$70,000,000
Athletic Village - Outdoor Track Facilities & Practice Fields (Replaces Sports Backers Stadium)		\$38,000,000			\$38,000,000
Athletic Village - Tennis Center		\$30,000,000	\$15,000,000		\$45,000,000
Front Doors & Streetscapes Phase III		\$2,505,815			\$2,505,815
Public/private partnership projects					
Student Housing - Honors Undergraduate				\$125,000,000	\$125,000,000

## 2026-2028 Biennium

Costs are estimated and will be revised through the design process

Project	State general fund	Cash/private	Debt	Р3	Total
State projects					
Arts & Innovation Academic Building Equipment	\$20,342,639				\$20,342,639
Oliver Hall Renovation	\$100,311,410				\$100,311,410
School of Pharmacy	\$264,059,606				\$264,059,606
University projects					
Athletic Village - Soccer Stadium		TBD	TBD		TBD
Front Doors & Streetscapes Phase IV		\$4,000,000			\$4,000,000
Student Commons/Wellness Facility/Iconic Green		TBD	TBD		\$181,293,186
Public/private partnership projects					
Student Housing - Academic Medical Center Campus				TBD	TBD

## 2028-2030 Biennium

Costs are estimated and will be revised through the design process

Project	State general fund	Cash/private	Debt	Р3	Total
State projects					
Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Academic Building, including Library & Innovation Center	\$325,000,000				\$325,000,000
University projects					
Athletic Village Indoor Field House		TBD	TBD		TBD
Front Doors & Streetscapes Phase V		\$3,000,000	TBD		\$3,000,000

#### Resolution to Approve the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan

#### **Background**

The university's proposed Six-Year Capital Plan is a prioritization of key projects outlined in the ONE VCU Master Plan. As part of the Commonwealth's biennial budget process, the university prepares a six-year projection of capital outlay needs. The governor evaluates the university's projected capital outlay needs and incorporates recommendations into the state Executive Budget for consideration by the General Assembly. The current 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan was approved by the Board of Visitors in May 2021.

The proposed 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan includes prioritized capital projects the university anticipates initiating over the next six years. The projects are categorized as those requiring state financial support ("State Projects") and those which can be accomplished with other funding sources ("University Projects"), the latter of which includes public-private partnerships ("P3s"). The timeline in the Six-Year Capital Plan is optimistic and projects are often carried forward to future bienniums.

The Board of Visitors approves the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan, to include:

- The State Project funding request to the governor; and
- University Projects (including P3s) which are not submitted to the governor

#### Recommendation

Approve the resolution for the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan.

## Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors RESOLUTION

Approval of the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan for 2024-2030 May 12, 2023

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors approves the Virginia Commonwealth University Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan for 2024-2030, as presented in Appendix A.

### Resolution to initiate a major capital project

Athletics Village Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields (Replaces Sports Backers Stadium)

#### **Background**

The Athletics Village was initially part of VCU's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan. This is a request for authorization to initiate this major capital project as required by the board's Management Agreement with the General Assembly. VCU Athletics currently falls below its peer average for sport and recreation space, with approximately a quarter of existing facilities in need of major renovation. An off-campus VCU Athletics Village will provide new sports fields and facilities, including a tennis center, soccer stadium, outdoor track stadium, practice fields, and a multi-purpose facility. This plan returns on-campus real estate to serve academic and student needs, reduces travel, increases practice times for teams, and offers new opportunities for community impact through youth programming.

The development of the Athletics Village will take place in four phases; this request for approval is for Phase I: Outdoor Track and Practice Fields, which includes replacement of Sports Backers Stadium.

#### Cost and funding

The estimated cost of Phase I is \$38M and will be funded by the sale of the Sports Backers Stadium property and private funds.

#### Reccomendation

Approve the resolution to initiate a major capital project for the Athletics Village Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields.



### Resolution to Authorize the Initiation of a Major Capital Project

Athletics Village Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields

### **Background**

The Athletics Village was initially included in VCU's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan and was approved by the Board of Visitors in May 2021. This is a request for authorization to initiate this major capital project, as required by VCU's Management Agreement, for Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields, which is a replacement for the current Sports Backers Stadium.

#### Considerations

VCU Athletics currently falls below its peer average for sport and recreation space, with approximately a quarter of existing facilities in need of major renovation. An off-campus VCU Athletics Village will offer new sports fields and facilities, including a tennis center, soccer stadium, outdoor track stadium, practice fields, and a multi-purpose facility. The construction of these new facilities allows certain on-campus real estate currently used for athletic facilities to once again be used for academic and student needs. These new facilities will also reduce travel and increase practice times for teams, as well as offer new opportunities for community impact through youth programming.

### Size and scope

The VCU Management Agreement states that the Board of Visitors shall authorize the initiation of each major capital project by approving its size, scope, budget and funding.

The development of the Athletics Village will take place in four phases:

- Phase 1: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields
- Phase 2: Tennis Center
- Phase 3: Soccer Stadium
- Phase 4: Indoor Field House

This approval is to initiate Phase I. The new outdoor track facilities and practice fields will consist of a 400 meter outdoor track with a natural turf infield to accommodate an NCAA soccer field. The outdoor track facilities, intended to replace those of the current Sports Backers Stadium, will contain seating for 2,000 spectators as well as locker rooms, concessions and storage. There will be two lighted practice fields, one of artificial turf and one of natural grass.

The size and scope will be refined through the planning phase and the board will be updated throughout the process.

### **Cost and funding**

The estimated cost of Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields is \$38M and will be funded by the sale of the Sports Backers Stadium property and private funds.

### Recommendation

Approve the resolution to initiate a major capital project for the Athletics Village Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields.

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

# AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE A MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FOR A ATHLETICS VILLAGE PHASE I: OUTDOOR TRACK FACILITIES AND PRACTICE FIELDS

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 6.1, Title 23 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Virginia Code") establishes a public corporation under the name and style of Virginia Commonwealth University (the "University") which is governed by a Board of Visitors (the "Board") vested with the supervision, management and control of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 23 of the Virginia Code classifies the University as an educational institution of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, by Chapter 10, Title 23.1 of the Virginia Code, the University entered into that certain "Management Agreement By and Between the Commonwealth of Virginia and The Rector and Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University" (the "Management Agreement") which was enacted as Chapter 594 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 which, as amended, classifies the University as a public institution of higher education and empowers the University with the authority to undertake and implement capital projects, which include the acquisition of any interest in land, improvements on acquired land, capital leases, new construction, and building improvements and renovations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Management Agreement requires the Board of Visitors to authorize the initiation of each Major Capital Project (as defined in the Management Agreement) by approving its size, scope, budget, and funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been presented with plans for a Major Capital Project titled/consisting of Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is expected to be approximately \$38M (the "Project Cost"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined it is desirable to authorize the initiation of the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby authorizes and approves the Project, including the size, scope, budget and funding of the Project, as described in the materials presented to the Board; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that, upon approval, this action shall take effect immediately.

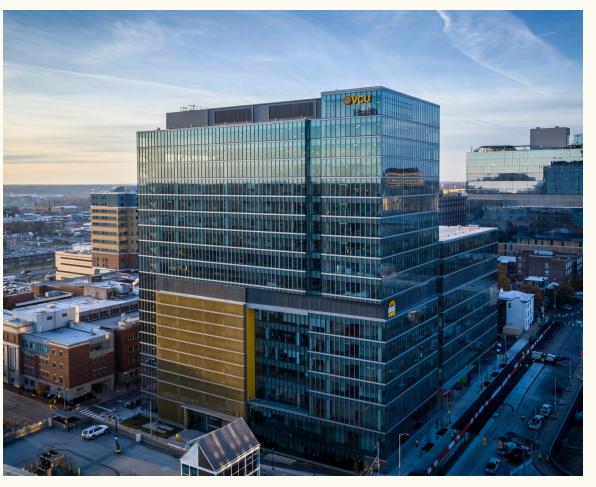
## **Attachment B**

# Report from the Vice President

# **Buildings & Grounds**

## **Buildings & grounds**





**Grounds** 

**VCU Health System partnership projects** 





**STARS Gold rating** 



**Institute for Sustainable Energy & Environment** 



Successes

**LEED certification** 



**Alternative transportation** 



**Performance contracting** 



Waste



**RamPantry & Free Store** 



# Challenges

## **ONE VCU Sustainability Plan draft goals**

Aligned with Quest 2028



### **Ourselves**

Embed sustainability in the One VCU culture



### **Our community**

Enhance student, patient, workforce and community health and well-being by restoring the natural environment and minimizing VCU's environmental impact

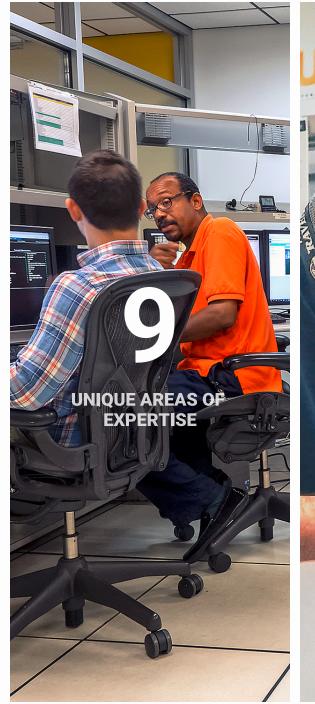


### **Our world**

Inspire sustainability innovation in research, education and healthcare to advance environmental health, human health, health equity and economic vitality

# **Technology Services**

## Who we are







## Where we are



**Student focus/students first** 



Web usability and accessibility



Modernizing the learning environment



**Health system partnerships** 



**Enhanced analytics** 



**Security and governance** 

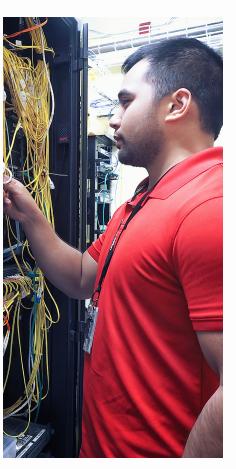
## Where we're going



Infrastructure optimization



**Hybrid university** 



**Diversity in IT** 



Improved service delivery



Strategic partnerships

# Challenges



**Staffing & resources** 



**IT financial model** 



**Competing priorities** 

Advice?
Questions?

### Attachment C

# Board of Visitors May 12, 2023 Major Capital Projects Update

### Projects under construction

### **STEM Building**

Architect/engineer: Ballinger Biennium: 2018-2020
Budget: \$124,472,000 Contractor: Hourigan
Funding source: State supported debt, general fund Status: Complete

### **Description:**

This new six-story building is the gateway to foundational science and mathematics instruction for undergraduates at VCU. The need for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) class laboratory space is urgent based on a space needs analysis conducted in 2015. This is a single 169,000 square foot facility on state-owned land.

### **Progress:**

Construction is complete. The ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on April 26. Move-in begins immediately in preparation for student programming this summer.

### **Technology Operations Center**

Architect/engineer: PSH+ Biennium: 2022-2024
Budget: \$31,375,000 Contractor: Mark Turner
Funding source: University debt Status: On schedule

#### **Description:**

The 28,000 square foot facility will be located at 707 West Broad Street adjacent to the Technology Administration Building. The new facility will replace technology operations currently taking place at the state-owned Pocahontas Building. In April 2021, the Commonwealth of Virginia informed the university that it must vacate the Pocahontas Building by December 2023 to provide a site for the proposed Virginia Supreme Court Building. The new Technology Operations Center will serve as the primary data center and network operations hub for both Monroe Park and the Academic Health Sciences campuses, as well as the telecommunications hub for VCU Health. As such, it will directly or indirectly support all of VCU's and much of VCU Health's critical operations.

#### Progress:

The foundational structure is complete. Envelope and internal systems elements are currently being installed. The project is on budget, however, has fallen a few weeks behind schedule. The VCU construction team continues to work on strategies for improving the schedule in order to meet the needed completion date.

### Projects in the planning phase

### **Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB)**

Architect/engineer: William Rawn Associates

Planning budget: \$6,809,000

Funding source: University funds and future

Biennium: 2022-2024

Contractor: Hourigan

Status: On schedule

general fund

### Description:

Positioned on the southeast corner of Broad and Belvidere Streets, across from the Institute for Contemporary Art at VCU and steps away from Fortune 500 companies and local startups, a new AIAB will provide a launch pad for critical digital and creative economy initiatives both on campus and in the city. The new AIAB will feature flexible classroom spaces, interdisciplinary performance venues, and makerspaces for rapidly growing partnerships across arts, business, humanities and sciences, medicine, and engineering. The new building will optimize VCU's arts innovation programs by bringing them together under one roof in a modern facility, replacing old and outdated buildings.

#### **Progress:**

The VCU Board of Visitors approved this project in May 2019 as part of the Six-Year Capital Plan at an estimated cost of \$181M. The 2022 General Assembly later approved state funding for the project. Since then, the state and VCU have worked collaboratively to address anticipated costs increases due to inflation, construction expenses, anticipated supply chain disruptions, cost premiums for high rise construction and schedule impacts. This collaborative analysis between VCU and the Virginia Department of General Services, which included value engineering efforts, arrived at a revised cost of \$253M.

### Founders Hall Building Envelope Rehabilitation

Architect/engineer: Raymond Engineering Biennium: 2020-2022
Budget: \$3,200,000 Contractor: TBD
Funding source: Maintenance Reserve Status: Delayed

### **Description:**

Founders Hall is located within the Historic Franklin Street District and houses several VCU College of Humanities and Sciences units. The building is experiencing significant water intrusion issues and requires repairs that include replacement of the roof as well as repairs to windows and the deteriorated masonry exterior.

### Progress:

An initial public request for proposal resulted in minimal responses and costs that were higher than anticipated. The project was redesigned to better align scope with funding and is currently out for bid again.

### **VCU Dentistry Center**

Architect/engineer: TBD Biennium: 2024-2026
Budget: \$415,000,000 (estimated) Contractor: TBD
Funding source: Future General Fund Status: Planning

### **Description:**

A new building for VCU's School of Dentistry was initially included in VCU's 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan, which was approved by the Board of Visitors in May 2021. Based on an initial analysis, a new VCU Dentistry Center will be approximately 314,000 square feet and will provide state-of-the art education, equipment and technology serving more than 500 students.

### Progress:

VCU has requested funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia for pre-planning.

### Attachment D

