



House Appropriations Committee 2005 Session Budget Amendment Form

Proposed by Delegate: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Requests can be made by completing this form and submitting it to the House Appropriations Committee staff office on the 9th floor of the GAB.

Agency Name: Virginia Tech (Agency 208), Item C-122.40

Increase/Decrease

Use this section to indicate whether your amendment would require an Increase or Decrease in appropriated funds.

General Fund (GF) monies are derived from taxes levied on individual and corporate income, sales, public service corporations, and insurance companies. The General Fund is the major source of support for many State functions.

Nongeneral Fund (NGF) monies consist of special fund revenues, higher education operating monies (tuition, special revenues and federal grants), highway maintenance and construction funds, trust and agency funds, and federal trust funds.

<u>Funding</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase	GF \$ _____	GF \$ <u>3,000,000</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	NGF \$ _____	NGF \$ _____

Employment Level

Use this section to indicate if a change in the employment level of the agency is desired or necessary. The employment level is the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions dedicated to a specific program activity or agency. If you are unsure, leave the space blank.

<u>Employment Level</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	GF FTE _____	GF FTE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	NGF FTE _____	NGF FTE _____

Explanation of Amendment

Please explain the purpose of your amendment or attach explanatory materials. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT as it ensures the staff has adequate background information to draft your budget amendment request.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT: (Explain or Attach Materials)—See Attached Materials

This capital amendment will authorize and fund the renovation of the former conference facility to house the Graduate Student Center.

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Athey	Hurt	Pollard
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VIRGINIA TECH

Agency 208

**Capital Expenses
Budget Amendment Proposal**

	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Additional Funds Requested:			
General Fund	--	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Nongeneral Fund	--	--	--

Title: Graduate School Facility

Justification Statement:

The strong performance of the Graduate School of Virginia Tech is a key element in the university's strategy to become a top tier research institution. Attracting and retaining high quality graduate students is critical for growing and maintaining a high level research program, and the Graduate School takes a lead role in ensuring the University is competitively positioned to bring in these students. The graduate school is currently housed in Sandy Hall, an 81 year-old 7,700 assignable square foot facility that overcrowds the program and prevents progress on critical initiatives.

The University has explored several options to provide adequate space for the Graduate School, including renovating and expanding the current facility, building a new facility, leasing private owned space, and public-private partnerships. These options each had significant drawbacks and carried high costs, and thus were not selected as viable options.

The University then identified a creative solution by reassigning the former hotel and conference center to a "Graduate Student Center". The University has a new Hotel and Conference Center under construction that will be open in summer 2005, and the current facility will be vacated in the summer of 2005. The University considered several options for future use of the soon to be vacated hotel and conference center and determined that using the facility to house the Graduate Student Center is the top priority and best use of the space. The building provides an optimal setting because of the preexisting arrangement of sleeping accommodations and program space that are uniquely positioned to meet the needs of the envisioned Graduate Student Center.

The University's plan is to convert the hotel room portion of the facility to a modern graduate school housing facility that will be operated by the residential services auxiliary enterprise. The conversion of the rooms to residential use will be funded with nongeneral fund support from the residential program auxiliary enterprise.

The administrative and conference portion of the facility is envisioned as the programmatic space for the Graduate School. This portion of the facility is about 35,000 assignable square feet and programming studies have confirmed that this space, with moderate renovations, will sufficiently support the programmatic needs of the Graduate School.

The estimated costs of the renovations for the Graduate School program component is \$3 million, and the University is requesting General Fund support for this top priority Educational

and General activity. This approach is far more economical than new construction or renovations of other buildings with a less optimal fit.

The facility envisioned for renovations will be vacated this summer and thus open and available for construction work to begin. Delaying this renovation request to the 2006-2008 biennium is not a desired option because the Graduate School program component would be delayed at least an entire year; this would be a significant set back for several critical Graduate School initiatives.