



House Appropriations Committee 2007 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 Polytechnic Institute and State University (Agency 208)

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.

Funding

First Year

Second Year

- Increase
- Decrease

GF \$ 0
NGF \$ 0

GF \$ 0
NGF \$ 13,000,000

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.

Employment Level

First Year

Second Year

- Increase
- Decrease

GF FTE 0
NGF FTE 0

GF FTE 0
NGF FTE 0

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)

This request is to supplement the Performance Hall project (project code 16758) with \$13 million of nongeneral fund debt authorization to cover escalation and refined cost estimates.

Abbitt	Hogan	Oder
Albo	Howell, A.T.	Orrock
Alexander	Howell, W. J.	Phillips
Amundson	Hugo	Plum
Armstrong	Hull	Poisson
Athey	Hurt	Purkey
BaCote	Iaquinto	Putney
Barlow	Ingram	Rapp
Bell	Janis	Reid
Bowling	Joannou	Rust
Brink	Johnson	Saxman
Bulova	Jones, D.C.	Scott, E. T.
Byron	Jones, S.C.	Scott, J. M.
Callahan	Kilgore	Shannon
Caputo	Landes	Sherwood
Carrico	Lewis	Shuler
Cline	Lingamfelter	Sickles
Cole	Lohr	Spruill
Cosgrove	Marsden	Suit
Cox	Marshall, D. W.	Tata
Crockett-Stark	Marshall, R. G.	Toscano
Dance	May	Tyler
Dudley	McClellan	Valentine
Ebbin	McDougle	Waddell
Eisenberg	McEachin	Ward
Englin	McQuigg	Wardrup
Fralin	Melvin	Ware, O.
Frederick	Miller, J.	Ware, R. L.
Gear	Miller, P.	Watts
Gilbert	Moran	Welch
Griffith	Morgan	Wittman
Hall	Nixon	Wright
Hamilton	Nutter	
Hargrove	O'Bannon	

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Agency 208)**

**Capital Expenses
Budget Amendment Proposal**

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Additional Funds Requested:			
General Fund	--	\$0	\$0
Nongeneral Fund [9(c) Debt]	--	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000

Title: Supplement: Performance Hall

Justification Statement:

The Performance Hall project is authorized under project code 16758 with \$45 million of debt and \$5 million of nongeneral fund cash for a total current budget of \$50 million. The project is envisioned as a 75,000 gross square foot facility that will replace the existing, aging auditorium in Burruss Hall for hosting performance events, traveling theater companies, and will support the performing arts instructional program. The building will include a state-of-the-art performance theater with approximately 1,300 seats, including balcony seating, back-of-house-space, dressing rooms, a fly loft for live theater productions, and a display gallery with the proper environmental controls, lighting, and display features to exhibit or house delicate artistic works or natural artifacts.

Virginia Tech is well known for its scientific, engineering, and technology strengths. Elements of the arts program, such as Theater Arts, are recognized as strong programs and this facility is needed to establish a broad-based humanities and fine arts presence on campus to ensure the academic and program balance expected of a national research institution.

The current facility for the arts program, the auditorium in Burruss Hall, has many significant drawbacks that prohibit educational training in the performing arts. As a qualitative evaluation, visiting artists have complained that the Burruss auditorium compromises the quality and therefore the intrinsic value of performances and some performers will not return to this facility. The authorized Performance Hall will enable the University to create a state-of-the-art facility to provide a wide range of programs and exhibits to support the instructional mission. An increase in the quality and diversity of performance events and gallery displays are an important element in improving the artistic activity on campus and ensuring a quality, well-rounded educational environment for the students.

The Performance Hall will provide arts and cultural facilities in Southwestern Virginia that will directly benefit the students of the University, and it will also provide opportunities not otherwise available to the public. This will, in turn, enhance the general welfare and quality of life of Virginians in this region of the state. These benefits are in addition to the state-of-the-art instructional laboratory that will support several strong arts programs including the departments of Art and Art History, Music, and Theater Arts.

The estimated costs for the envisioned Performance Hall are now at \$63 million -- \$13 million beyond the approved budget. The cost increase is due partly to escalation and partly to refined cost estimates for performance hall requirements. The University's proposed funding plan is for self-generated revenue to cover 100 percent of the costs of the Performance Hall project. This request is to increase the nongeneral fund debt component of the capital project (project code 16758) to \$58 million from \$45 million. The debt is type 9(c) and will be repaid by program revenues. The new, revised total project authorization will include \$58 million of 9(c) debt and \$5 million of nongeneral fund cash for a total budget of \$63 million.