



House Appropriations Committee 2009 Session Budget Amendment Form

*** The deadline to submit completed forms is 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009 ***

Patron: _____
(Print name of Delegate) (Signature of Delegate)

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 (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.

<u>Funding</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase	GF \$ _____	GF \$ <u>9,750,000</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)

This request is for a full planning authorization and funding for the Engineering Signature Building project, which received \$250,000 of pre-planning funds in the 2008 session under project code 17658 in Chapter 1, section 2. The University completed and submitted the necessary pre-planning documentation to the Department of Planning and Budget and the Department of General Services in the fall of 2008, which validates an affordable project for the proposed detail planning request. A full planning authorization in fiscal year 2009-10 will promote an efficient schedule and avoid a year of project escalation (approximately \$7.2 million) compared to deferring the detail planning to the 2010 budget session.

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Abbitt	Howell, A.T.	Oder
Albo	Howell, W. J.	Orrock
Alexander	Hugo	Peace
Amundson	Hull	Phillips
Armstrong	Iaquinto	Plum
Athey	Ingram	Pogge
BaCote	Janis	Poindexter
Barlow	Joannou	Poisson
Bell	Johnson	Pollard
Bouchard	Jones, D.	Purkey
Bowling	Jones, S.	Putney
Brink	Kilgore	Rust
Bulova	Landes	Saxman
Byron	Lewis	Scott, E. T.
Caputo	Lingamfelter	Scott, J. M.
Carrico	Lohr	Shannon
Cline	Loupassi	Sherwood
Cole	Marsden	Shuler
Cosgrove	Marshall, D.W.	Sickles
Cox	Marshall, R.G.	Spruill
Crockett-Stark	Massie	Tata
Dance	Mathieson	Toscano
Ebbin	May	Tyler
Eisenberg	McClellan	Valentine
Englin	Melvin	Vanderhye
Fralin	Merricks	Ward
Frederick	Miller, J.	Ware, O.
Gear	Miller, P.	Ware, R. L.
Gilbert	Morgan	Watts
Griffith	Morrissey	Wright
Hall	Nichols	46 th District
Hamilton	Nixon	81 st District
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**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Agency 208)**

**Capital Expenses
Budget Amendment Proposal**

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Additional Funds Requested:			
General Fund	\$0	\$9,750,000	\$9,750,000
Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

Title: Engineering Signature Building: Full Planning Funds

Justification Statement:

The Engineering Signature Building project was a University top priority request in the 2008 budget session, and the state included the project in Chapter 1, 2008 under project code 17658 with \$250,000 of pre-planning funds. The University subsequently completed and submitted a pre-planning study for the project to the Department of Planning and Budget and the Department of General Services in the fall 2008. Under the pre-planning effort, the University has determined with a high degree of confidence that an approximately 160,000 gross square foot (GSF) new construction project may be accomplished for a total budget of \$120 million.

Virginia Tech's College of Engineering is a comprehensive instruction and research program, including 12 departments with approximately 330 faculty, 5,500 undergraduate majors, and almost 2,000 graduate students. "America's Best Colleges 2009" survey released by U.S. News & World Report in August 2008 ranked the Virginia Tech College of Engineering's undergraduate program 14th in the nation among all accredited engineering schools that offer doctorates, and eighth among those at public universities. Seven of the College's undergraduate engineering programs were ranked among the top 25 in the nation. Approximately half of all new engineers trained in the Commonwealth of Virginia receive their education from Virginia Tech.

This project is a high priority item to address obsolete and deteriorated undergraduate academic space for the College of Engineering. The proposed 160,000 gross square foot facility will provide a combination of classrooms, class laboratories, and research laboratories to house a number of departments and programs in the college. This will be a state-of-the-art instruction facility focused on undergraduates with highly specialized laboratories that will support hands-on, problem solving oriented learning in the engineering disciplines. The proposed facility will effectively replace key elements of Randolph Hall, which was constructed in 1959 and currently serves as the central engineering instructional facility. Randolph Hall will be repurposed after the new facility is complete.

In accordance with the capital program outlined in Chapter 1, 2008, the University is requesting state authorization and funding to move forward with full planning work for the project. The current pre-planning funds are exhausted and the University has developed a project schedule and budget based on a detailed design start of July 2009 and an estimated construction start of January 2011. The University is requesting the necessary planning authorization and funding in fiscal year 2009-10 to ensure an efficient design process and avoid a year delay and cost escalation of the project. If the full planning authorization and funding are delayed until fiscal year 2010-11, the project will be on-hold from July 2009 to July 2010, which, based on a projection of the construction market, may escalate the total project costs about 6 percent beyond the current \$120 million budget estimate, or \$7.2 million.

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