



Executive Committee  
March 20, 2026; 8:00 a.m.  
Kyle Hall, Dean's Conference Room, Radford VA  
Minutes

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. Tyler W. Lester, Rector  
Ms. Jennifer Wishon Gilbert, Vice Rector & Enrollment Management and Brand Equity Chair  
Ms. Jeanne Armentrout, Business Affairs and Audit Chair  
Dr. Betty Jo Foster, Academic Excellence and Student Success Chair  
Mr. George Mendiola, Jr. External Engagement Vice Chair  
Mr. David A. Smith, Student Affairs and Athletics Chair

**Committee Members Present**

Betsy Beamer

**Other Board Members Present**

Mr. Dale Ardizzone  
Ms. Mary Anne Holbrook  
Ms. Joann Craig  
Ms. Callie Dalton

**Others Present**

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President  
Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Ms. Susan Richardson, University Counsel  
Dr. Ryan Bowyer, Chief of Staff

## **Call to Order**

Rector Tyler Lester called the meeting to order at approximately 8:02 a.m. in Kyle Hall, third floor Dean's Suite.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Rector Lester requested approval of the agenda. The approval of the agenda was motioned by Dr. Betty Jo Foster seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wishon Gilbert, and approved unanimously.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Rector Lester requested approval of the minutes from the December 2025 executive committee meeting. Ms. Jeanne Armentrout motioned for approval of the minutes; Mr. David A. Smith provided a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Committee Discussion**

Rector Lester began an overview of the previous day's committee discussion by noting how good the presentations have been. He noted that the respective Vice Presidents have been providing the Board with the right information at the governance level, honing in on items that are actionable and strategic.

Each committee chair provided an overview of the previous day's committee. Specific minutes and discussion points may be found in those respective committee minutes.

## **Elections**

Rector Lester noted that it was time to begin the process for the next year's elections. Information to come from Dr. Ryan Bowyer regarding process shortly.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Rector Lester adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Bowyer, Ed.D.

Chief of Staff