

Industry Council(s)

Minutes

September 19, 2025

ChamberRVA at 919 E Main Street, #1700, Richmond, Virginia 23219

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Members: Bernard Robinson (Chair), Mike Matthews; Steve Farbstein, Marnelle Fanfan, Maggie Reed, Carl Johnson, Dante Washington, Phillip Noel, Diane Hamilton, Ervin Clarke, Rachelle Epps and Nekeshia Packer-Love.

Staff: Emmanuel Omojokun, Ephrem Eyob, Venkat Mummalaneni, Hari Sharma, Jane Harris, Veronica Shuford and Jonathan Young.

Chair Bernard Robinson convened the group and provided a brief update.

Marnelle Fanfan welcomed attendees to ChamberRVA.

Veronica Shuford (Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness) presented on the University's newly revised Strategic Plan and how artificial intelligence was incorporated in said plan. Shuford led a discussion soliciting feedback from the group that included some questions pertinent to how AI would be embed in curriculum and if AI would realize in efficiencies for the University. Shuford agreed to disseminate an online survey by way of Jonathan Young to all Council(s) members. Said survey was accessible at https://vsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2IQVBgW2cddCFRc

Jane Harris (Associate Vice President for Capital Outlay) presented on the University's capital outlay plan including \$700 million in new brick and mortar. Harris alerted the group of imminent new construction including a residence hall, admissions building along with the newly finished academic commons building, the latter constituting the largest facility on campus. She also advised that the University is aiming to shift the center of campus to near proximity to Singleton Hall.

Bernard Robinson at 9:30 a.m. adjourned the group and agreed to identify a next date for the group to meet in January or February.