



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.

<u>Funding</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase	GF \$ <u>0</u>	GF \$ <u>29,900,000</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	NGF \$ <u>0</u>	NGF \$ <u>0</u>

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 <u>0</u>	GF FTE <u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	NGF FTE <u>0</u>	NGF FTE <u>0</u>

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 project request is to raze and fully replace the unrecoverable center and rear sections of the existing Davidson Hall facility. This project has been on the University's plan since 1993 and is a high priority because of the serious level of building deterioration that imposes safety concerns and negatively impacts the Chemistry program.

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Albo	Howell, A.T.	Orrock
Alexander	Howell, W. J.	Phillips
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Athey	Hurt	Purkey
BaCote	Iaquinto	Putney
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Bell	Janis	Reid
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Caputo	Landes	Sherwood
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Cline	Lingamfelter	Sickles
Cole	Lohr	Spruill
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**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	--	\$29,900,000	\$29,900,000
Nongeneral Fund	--	--	--

Title: Replace Deteriorated Sections of Davidson Hall

Justification Statement:

This project request is to raze and fully replace the unrecoverable center and rear sections of the existing Davidson Hall facility. This project has been on the University's plan since 1993 and is a high priority because of the serious level of building deterioration that imposes safety concerns and negatively impacts the Chemistry program.

Davidson Hall was constructed in 1928 with additions in 1933 and 1938, and with renovations in 1965 and 1981. The building originally housed undergraduate and graduate chemistry classrooms and laboratories. Conditions in many areas of the building have reached unsafe levels due to age and incompatibility with modern scientific teaching methods. For example, the building now has rainwater leakage; missing stonework; inadequate climate and dust control; and outdated electrical power, water, nitrogen gas plumbing, and air handling that hamper training and challenge proper safety. The center section is so deteriorated that nearly half of the teaching laboratories have been shuttered, and undergraduate classrooms and laboratories have temporarily moved to another Chemistry/Physics building. The building deterioration in the center section is severe and will require razing and replacement – renovation of this section is not an option. The deterioration in the rear section is also severe and lacks the structural integrity to remain standing when the center section is razed. (The historic front section of Davidson Hall will remain and is scheduled to be completely renovated in a subsequent project scheduled for the 2010-2012 biennium.)

The chemistry program serves graduate students, undergraduates, postdoctoral fellows, research technicians, and faculty and delivers about 22,300 weighted-student-credit-hours annually -- one of the highest volumes of service teaching in the university. With the scientific emphasis of many of Virginia Tech's degree offerings, chemistry instruction at Virginia Tech is critical to the program needs of students throughout the University. Chemistry is a vital component of a comprehensive university, and the space constraints imposed by the deteriorated and unusable center section of Davidson Hall have seriously impacted the chemistry program.

The proposed project will restore the level of space needed for the program and will enable students to be optimally trained to move into today's industrial, governmental, and academic laboratories that specialize in nanotechnology, chemical biology, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, drug discovery, and macromolecular chemistry to serve the commercial and governmental needs of the Commonwealth.

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