Opening remarks and approval of March 27, 2011 minutes: Ms. Shelley Duke will make opening remarks and make a motion for the approval of the March 27, 2011 minutes.

Remarks from President Steger: Dr. Steger will provide comments.

Resolution for the Approval of Appointments to the Virginia Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board: Dr. Walters will review the resolution of appointments for approval.

Update on Revision to Policies 13005 and 3020 (Research Administration): Dr. Knocke will review the work that has been completed during the academic year with respect to (a) the development of updated versions of Policies 13005 and 3020 to address issues related to the administrative structure as well as financial and programmatic activities of centers and University Institutes, and (b) the realignment of all University-level research centers within the administrative structure of the University.

Work of the Task Force on Industrial Affiliates Programs (Research Initiatives): Industrial affiliates programs are an important component of the industrial-based support for research activities in many sectors of the University. This presentation will provide a background overview of industrial affiliates programs at Virginia Tech, the key aspects of their success, and efforts of a 2011 task force to update policies and guidelines that address the formation and ongoing activities of these programs.

Research Education Program Development (Research Administration): Ms. Tranter will provide an overview of research education programs conducted for faculty, staff and students through the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Advancing Virginia Tech’s Research Agenda Internationally (Research Initiatives): The Office of International Research, Education, and Development of Virginia Tech (OIRED/VT) is engaged globally in collaborative research and graduate education to advance Virginia Tech’s research mission internationally. The program is primarily built upon resources garnered through a competitive process using federally-funded grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements. Dr. De Datta will provide an overview of OIRED programs that are contributing to global food security, income and employment enhancement, and gender equity.

*Requires full Board approval.