

**REPORT OF THE
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FOR VIRGINIA**

**Higher Education Institution
Tuition Increases**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John H. Chichester
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Dr. Daniel J. LaVista
Executive Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

DATE: August 1, 2007

SUBJECT: Report of 2007-08 Higher Education Institution Tuition Increases

Item 463.10 in the 2007 Acts of Assembly (Chapter 847) creates the Higher Education Tuition Incentive Fund with \$7,175,000 in general fund for potential allocation to public higher education institutions contingent upon the following conditions;

1. Allocations shall be granted to public colleges and universities that limit the increase of tuition and mandatory E & G fees for in-state undergraduate students to not more than six percent for the 2007-2008 academic year.
2. Institutions that contribute nongeneral funds to ensure access and affordability to higher education for Virginia students shall be permitted to exceed the limit for increases in tuition and mandatory E&G fees for in-state undergraduate students, provided that the percentage increase in such tuition and fee revenue not exceed the in-state undergraduate increase for 2008 reflected in the institution's six-year plan and provided that any revenue generated by an increase in tuition and E&G fees beyond the limit be used only to increase above the FY 2007 level of financial aid for in-state students.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) is directed to determine whether each public college and university has met the tuition requirement. SCHEV is also required to make a report of its findings to the Governor and Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriation Committees and the Director of DPB by August 15, 2007.

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In compliance with the legislation, SCHEV staff collected the actual 2007-08 tuition and mandatory E&G fee from the public institutions in May. In addition, SCHEV staff extracted the planned tuition increases for 2007-08 from the institutions' six-year financial plans submitted in October 2005 (using the option that assumes the current fund split scenario). The following table presents the planned and actual tuition and mandatory E&G fee increases for 2007-08 by institution. Charges will increase by 6% or less next year for all but four institutions (the College of William and Mary, Longwood University, Radford University and University of Virginia) and the increases at these institutions will be at or below their planned levels with the additional revenue used solely for in-state undergraduate student financial aid.

We, therefore, certify that the provisions of the Fund have been met by all institutions and recommend that the \$7,175,000 in general fund appropriations be transferred to each of the certified institutions as detailed in the Item 463.10.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me at (804) 225-2611 or Dan Hix, Finance Policy Director, at (804) 225-3188.

Attachment

c: Betsey Daley, Senate Finance Committee Staff Director
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**2007-08 Tuition and E&G Fee Increases
 In Compliance With the Requirements of the Tuition Incentive Fund**

Institution	FY08 Increase in Six-Year Plan	Actual FY08 Increase	Note
Christopher Newport University	4.0%	6.0%	
College of William and Mary	7.1%	7.1%	2% of the increase is for in-state undergraduate financial aid, est. \$385,000.
George Mason University	5.5%	6.0%	
James Madison University	7.7%	5.9%	
Longwood University	7.3%	7.1%	The excess over the 6% TIF requirement is for in-state undergraduate financial aid, est. \$176,000.
Norfolk State University	1.0%	4.7%	
Old Dominion University	8.0%	5.5%	
Radford University	8.0%	8.0%	2% of the increase is for in-state undergraduate financial aid, est. \$500,000.
University of Mary Washington	8.5%	6.0%	
University of Virginia	9.9%	8.6%	The excess over the 6% TIF requirement is for in-state undergraduate financial aid, est. \$1.5 million.
University of Virginia at Wise	9.0%	5.2%	
Virginia Commonwealth University	6.5%	6.0%	
Virginia Military Institute	6.2%	6.0%	
Virginia State University	5.8%	6.0%	
Virginia Tech	7.7%	6.0%	
Richard Bland College	4.1%	4.8%	
Virginia Community College System	7.8%	6.0%	
Average, 4-Year Institutions	7.1%	6.4%	
Average, All Institutions	7.0%	6.3%	

