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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Peter Blake

DATE: July 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Report of 2019-20 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases for In-State Undergraduate Students

The 2019 General Assembly provided a total of \$52.5 million in general fund for Virginia public institutions for in-state undergraduate tuition moderation in FY2020 contingent on institutions maintaining tuition and mandatory educational and general (E&G) fee charges for in-state undergraduate students at the FY2019 level. It also provided additional funds to the Virginia Community College System for general operating support and to all public institutions for faculty and staff salary increases.

The General Assembly directed the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to certify whether each institution met the tuition freeze requirements of the In-State Undergraduate Affordability fund and to report to the Governor, Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget by July 1, 2019.

The specific wording from Item 253.50 of the 2019 Appropriation Act (Chapter 854) states:

"A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$52,459,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for In-State Undergraduate Affordability with allocations to public colleges and universities..."

2. a. Allocations listed in paragraph A.1. of this item shall be granted to public colleges and universities in fiscal year 2020 so long as they maintain tuition and mandatory

Educational and General (E & G) fee charges for in-state undergraduate students to fiscal year 2019 levels.

b. In addition to the allocation from this item, the Virginia Community College System also is provided \$5,000,000 from the general fund under Item 210 V. in order to effectuate the goals of this item.

3. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) shall certify whether each public college and university has met the tuition freeze requirements of this fund. SCHEV shall report its findings to the Governor, the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget by July 1, 2019.”

In accordance with this requirement, SCHEV hereby certifies that all Virginia public institutions met the tuition freeze requirements of this fund.

Table 1 shows tuition and education and general (E&G) fees for 2018-19 and 2019-20. They reflect charges for the majority of full-time students. Some institutions have different rates by year or by program. These rates did not change for 2019-20 with the exception of those paid by upper-level students in two schools at the University Virginia. More information about tuition differentials will be included in SCHEV’s upcoming Tuition and Fee Report, which we will release by August 1.

In addition, Item 4-2.01.b.8 of the 2019 Appropriation Act limits the increase of mandatory non-educational and general (non-E&G) fees for in-state undergraduates at 3% annually and exempts the University of Mary Washington from this limit in 2019-20. The language also exempts increases for salary and fringe benefits, student health and debt service from the limit. Table 2 shows institutions that have mandatory non-E&G fee increases over the limit in FY2020 and an explanation of their increases by usage category. After exclusion of exempt items, these institutions increased mandatory non-E&G fees within the 3% limit in FY2020.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me at (804) 225-2611 or Wendy Kang, Director for Finance Policy and Innovation, at (804) 225-4416.

Attachments

c: Ms. April Kees, Senate Finance Committee Staff Co-Director
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Mr. Robert Vaughn, House Appropriations Committee Staff Director
Mr. Tony Maggio, House Appropriations Committee Staff
Ms. Sarah Herzog, Senate Finance Committee Staff

Table 1
2019-20 Tuition and Mandatory Education & General Fees

Inst.	2018-19	2019-20	% Increase
CNU	\$9,100	\$9,100	0%
CWM	\$17,570	\$17,570	0%
GMU	\$9,060	\$9,060	0%
JMU	\$7,250	\$7,250	0%
LU	\$7,940	\$7,940	0%
NSU	\$5,752	\$5,752	0%
ODU	\$7,047	\$7,047	0%
RU	\$7,980	\$7,980	0%
UMW	\$8,678	\$8,678	0%
UVA	\$14,148	\$14,148	0%
UVAW	\$5,694	\$5,694	0%
VCU	\$12,247	\$12,247	0%
VMI	\$9,284	\$9,284	0%
VSU	\$5,769	\$5,769	0%
VT	\$11,595	\$11,595	0%
RBC	\$6,000	\$6,000	0%
VCCS	\$4,606	\$4,606	0%
Avg. 4-yr Insts	\$9,274	\$9,274	0%
Avg. All Insts.	\$8,807	\$8,807	0%

Note: Tuition and Education and General Fees reflect the charge for majority of full-time students. Some institutions have varying rates by year or by program. These rates did not change for 2019-20 with the exception of those paid by upper-level students in two schools at the University of Virginia (UVA).

Table 2
Explanation of Increases in Mandatory Non-E&G Fees over the Limit of 3% in 2019-2020

Inst.	2018-19 Non-E&G Fee	Exemption					Non-Exemption		All Categories Amount Increase	All Categories Percent Increase
		Increases for Salary & Fringe Benefits	Debt Service	Student Health Services	Total Amount Increase	Total Percent Increase	Amount Increase for Operations	Percent Increase for Operations		
CWM	5,830	\$31	\$155	\$36	\$222	3.8%	\$6	0.1%	\$228	3.9%
JMU	4,766	\$24	\$9	\$14	\$47	1.0%	\$143	3.0%	\$190	4.0%
LU	5,400	\$2	\$13	\$5	\$20	0.4%	\$160	3.0%	\$180	3.3%
NSU	3,738	\$20			\$20	0.5%	\$112	3.0%	\$132	3.5%
ODU	3,825	\$29		\$20	\$49	1.3%	\$99	2.6%	\$148	3.9%
RU	3,230	\$33	\$7	\$11	\$51	1.6%	\$89	2.8%	\$140	4.3%
UVA	2,364	\$20		\$100	\$120	5.1%			\$120	5.1%
VCU	2,243	\$35		\$9	\$44	2.0%	\$62	2.8%	\$106	4.7%
VT	2,025	\$30	\$13	\$24	\$67	3.3%	\$4	2.8%	\$71	3.5%