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University of Mary Washington 2020 annual executive summary of interim activity and work of the Board of Visitors

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**Executive Summary**

In accordance with Va. Code §23.1-1303 (B.12.), the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington provides the following summary of its activities since the submission of its last executive summary. Pursuant to Va. Code §2.2-4342, the Board continued its practice of conducting all Board, committee, and subcommittee meetings in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Va. Code §2.2-3700 et seq. Consistent with the requirements of Va. Code §23-2.02, the Board's bylaws are posted on the Board's website. On February 20, 2020, the Board of Visitors held a public comment session. Due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor of Virginia, and the fact that the nature of COVID-19 makes it impracticable and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors have conducted virtual electronic meetings starting in March 2020 to present. At the recommendation of the Presidential Naming Committee, on July 24, 2020, the Board of Visitors approved that Trinkle Hall be renamed James Farmer Hall. The Board of Visitors Executive Committee approved establishment of the Board of Visitors Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee on August 12, 2020. An Attorney General's representative has been invited to all Board meetings and has attended most. The Board conducted its regular annual assessment of the President. As required by Va. Code §23-2.03, the Board held a closed meeting to provide an evaluation of the University President's performance. In accordance with Va. Code §23-2.04, the Board's Executive Committee organized the working processes of the Board to accomplish the specific governance practices identified therein. The Board has adopted a statement of governance and a code of ethics for Visitors. Effective July 2020, one new Board member was appointed by the Governor. The Board conducted orientation and continuing education programs for Visitors that included training on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The newly appointed member of the Board attended the mandatory SCHEV virtual orientation program in October 2020.

Following is a summary of Board of Visitors Actions in the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors Actions  
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee, January 29, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Executive Committee approved the following:

- Service citation for former Board of Visitors member Davis C. Rennolds '06 who completed one four-year term of service on the Board in the previous year
- Date change for the 2020 Presidential Assessment meeting from June 26 to June 10
- February 2020 Board of Visitors meeting agenda

**Board of Visitors Meeting, February 20-21, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- Meeting Minutes for:
  - o Board of Visitors Meeting, November 14-15, 2019
  - o Board of Visitors Executive Committee, January 29, 2020
- To direct counsel to craft documents as discussed in closed session, and to delegate authority to the Rector to finalize and execute any such documents.
- February 2020 Personnel Docket for Teaching and Instructional Faculty
- Donor Terms of Agreement for:
  - o Clintmar Family Scholarship
  - o Merle Updike Davis '44 and Robert L. Davis Scholarship for Social Sciences
  - o Jerri Barden Perkins '61 Scholarship
  - o Jennifer Sharp-Warthan '81 Study Abroad Scholarship
  - o Sylvia McJilton Woodcock '61 Scholarship

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting, March 18, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Executive Committee approved the following:

- To direct legal counsel to proceed as discussed in closed session
- Resolutions of appreciation recognizing the service of elected student leaders within the Student Government Association for their specific contributions in representing their peers to the administration, and devoted efforts in promoting the overall welfare of the University through their outstanding service during the 2019-2020 academic year
- Board Policy B.4.3., Audit Requirement for UMW IT Systems with Sensitive Data
- 2020-2021 Tuition and Fee Rates
- April 2020 Board of Visitors meeting agenda

**Board of Visitors Electronic Emergency Meeting, March 27, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors did not take action.

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### **Board of Visitors Meeting, April 16-17, 2020**

The Board of Visitors April 2020 meeting was cancelled.

### **Board of Visitors Electronic Meeting, May 8, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- Meeting Minutes for:
  - o Board of Visitors Meeting, February 20-21, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting, March 18, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Emergency Meeting, March 27, 2020
- Motion proposed by Board member Allida M. Black to show support and gratitude of the UMW Board of Visitors for the leadership of the university, for their transparency, for the way, they have handled the pandemic crisis, and the way that they have given the Board information that they need to discharge their responsibilities
- 2020-2021 tuition and fee rates as approved by the Board of Visitors Executive Committee on March 18, 2020
- Conferring of graduate and undergraduate degrees to student candidates listed on the supporting documents in the BoardDocs agenda, contingent upon their successful completion of all degree requirements
- *University Faculty Handbook* changes, effective August 2020
- May 2020 Personnel Docket for Teaching and Instructional Faculty, including faculty appointments, awards of tenure, promotion, retirements, and faculty emeritus status
- Recommendation for Faculty and Administrative emeritus status to James E. (Jack) Bales
- Contract amendment and salary reductions for the president, as presented and discussed

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### **Board of Visitors Electronic Presidential Assessment Meeting, June 10, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- Resolution of the Board of Visitors on George Floyd and Systemic Racism
- 2020-2021 Budget Plan and Tuition and Fees

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### **Board of Visitors Electronic Nominating and Governance Subcommittee Meeting, June 19, 2020**

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The Nominating and Governance Subcommittee approved the following:

- To move forward the proposed nominees for consideration by the Board of Visitors for positions on the Executive Committee in the office Rector, Vice Rector, and Secretary
- To move forward the proposed nominees for consideration by the Board of Visitors for two positions on the 2020-2021 Executive Committee in the office of At-Large

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### **Board of Visitors Electronic Annual Planning Retreat, July 24, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- Election of Rector, Vice Rector, Secretary, and At-Large Executive Committee members
- 2020-2021 Board of Visitors Meeting Calendar, as presented
- Proposed changes to UMW's Title IX Policy B.8.1., *Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence*
- Authorization to the president to delay implementation of proposed changes to Title IX Policy B.8.1. based on outcome of the request for an injunction by the State
- Recommendation brought forth from the Presidential Naming Committee that Trinkle Hall be renamed James Farmer Hall
- Recommendations brought forth from the Campus Environment Committee regarding concealment of certain murals on campus
- Establishment of the Board of Visitors Legislative Advocacy Task Force

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### **Board of Visitors Electronic Executive Committee Meeting, August 12, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Executive Committee approved the following:

- Establishment of the Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee
- September 18, 2020 Board of Visitors meeting agenda

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### **Board of Visitors Electronic Nominating and Governance Committee Meeting, September 9, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Nominating and Governance Committee did not take action.

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### **Board of Visitors Electronic Meeting, September 18, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- Meeting Minutes for:
  - o Board of Visitors Meeting, May 8, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Presidential Assessment Meeting, June 10, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Nominating and Governance Subcommittee Meeting, June 19, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Annual Planning Retreat, July 24, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting, August 12, 2020
- Board of Visitors *Resolution of Thanks* to the UMW community for carrying out the University's mission during the COVID-19 crisis
- Ratification of the adoption of IRS Amendments for President Troy D. Paino
- To waive preparation of the State Succession Plan for 2020
- 2020-2021 AY Presidential Priorities
- Revisions to the Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee Charge

**Board of Visitors Electronic Meeting, September 18, 2020 (CONTINUED)**

The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- To borrow the Gari Melchers painting *In the Dunes* (oil on canvas, ca. 1887), from the Sue C. Lang Family Trust for exhibition until 31 January, 2021
- Renewal of long-term loan of *On the Water*, by Gari Melchers, 1890, oil on canvas, no frame. Lent by Mr. George Emerson, Coral Gables, Florida
- Renewal of long-term loan of portrait of Julius Stroh, by Gari Melchers, circa 1908, oil on canvas, framed. Lent by the Stroh Companies, Detroit, Michigan
- Renewal of long-term loan of *Kaptain Jack*, by Julius Theodore Melchers, undated, wood sculpture. Lent by The Stroh Companies, Detroit, Michigan
- Renewal of long-term loan of *Interior*, by Corinne Melchers, circa 1915, oil on canvas. Lent by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia
- Renewal of long-term loan of *In the Studio*, by Gari Melchers, 1912, oil on canvas. Lent by Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
- Renewal of loan of Melchers Art Tools from Gari Melchers Home and Studio to Museum van Egmond, Netherlands to the year 2030
- September 2020 Personnel Docket for Teaching and Instructional Faculty
- Donor Terms of Agreement for:
  - o Class of 1970 Talley Center Endowment
  - o Margaret Duke '44 Chair in applied Physics
  - o Ralph J. and Karen Laino Giannuzzi '71 International Study Scholarship
  - o Donald E. Glover Faculty Award
  - o James Rollin Morgan III '86 Scholarship
  - o James Rollin Morgan III '86 and Bulent I. Atalay Scholarship in Physics
  - o Justin and Helen Piscopo-Alvey Scholarship VII
  - o Anne Marie Thompson Steen '83 and Daniel K. Steen '84 Scholarship
- FY21 Audit Committee Charter
- FY21 Internal Audit Charter
- FY21 Annual Audit Plan

**Board of Visitors Electronic Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, September 30, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee did not take action.

**Board of Visitors Electronic Executive Committee Meeting, October 14, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Executive Committee approved the following:

- November 2020 Board of Visitors meeting agenda

**Board of Visitors Electronic Nominating and Governance Committee Meeting, November 12, 2020**

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The Board of Visitors Nominating and Governance Committee did not take action.

**Board of Visitors Electronic Meeting, November 20, 2020**

(November 2020 meeting minutes to be presented for approval at February 19, 2021 meeting)

The Board of Visitors approved the following:

- Meeting minutes for:
  - o Nominating and Governance Committee Meeting, September 9, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Meeting, September 18, 2020
  - o Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, September 30, 2020
  - o Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting, October 14, 2020
  - o Nominating and Governance Committee Meeting, November 12, 2020
- Terms of Agreement for Board of Visitors Faculty Leadership Award
- November 2020 Personnel Docket for Teaching and Instructional Faculty
- Donor Terms of Agreement for:
  - o Board of Visitors Faculty Leadership Award Resolution
  - o Patricia Boise Kemp '69 Scholarship IV
  - o Muriel Harmon Lake '48 Scholarship
  - o Irene Piscopo '59 and James D. Rodgers – Alvey Scholarship VIII
- Approval of Bond Financing/VCBA Higher Education Restructuring Resolution
- UMW Deed of Dedication for Water Line Easement/City of Fredericksburg
- Revisions to Board Policy B.4.1. – Internal Audit Charter

All meeting minutes of the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors and its committees are available at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/umw/Board.nsf/Public>.