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George Mason University Board of Visitors 2022 Executive Summary of Interim Activities

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 23.1-1303(B.13), the Board of Visitors of George Mason University provide the following executive summary of interim activity and work for calendar year 2022.

The Board of Visitors continues to operate in a transparent manner, to the extent required by law, in all Board actions. All meetings were open to the public, and notice was provided pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3707. The agendas and minutes of the meetings listed below are published on the Board's website (bov.gmu.edu) and the Commonwealth Calendar. Business conducted in closed session during any of these meetings was done in compliance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711. As required by Article IV, Section 8 of the Board's bylaws, the Senior Assistant Attorney General/University Counsel or representative is invited to and attends all meetings of the Board and its Committees.

The Bylaws of the Board of Visitors are posted on the Board's website. Article XIII of the Bylaws requires that all meetings of the Board be conducted in accordance with the Code of Virginia and the Bylaws.

The Board of Visitors met with President Gregory Washington in closed session on July 29, 2022, to discuss his evaluation.

During 2022, the Board of Visitors held the following meetings and took the following actions:

February 24, 2022:

Regularly scheduled sessions of the full board and all standing committees (Academic Programs, Diversity, and University Community Committee; Audit Risk, and Compliance Committee; Development Committee; Executive Committee; Finance and Land Use Committee; Research Committee).

Actions:

- Approval of New Degree Program: PhD Mechatronics, Robotics, and Automation Engineering
- Approval of Faculty Actions: Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status
- Approval of Revised Debt Policy
- Approval of Delegation of Reimbursement Declarations
- Adoption of University Master Plan
- Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

March 24, 2022 – Special Executive Committee Meeting

Special Executive Committee session for the purpose of considering items during recess of the full board.

Actions:

- Approval of Space Lease, Ground Lease and Comprehensive Agreement with Mason Innovation Partners

April 5, 2022:

Meeting of the full board for the purpose of receiving public comment on tuition and mandatory fees, per Code of Virginia § 23.1-307.

April 5, 2022 – Continuing Education Session

Provided an additional opportunity to meet the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's (SCHEV) continuing education requirement under § 23.1-1304. This session was designed for Mason's Board with the assistance of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), and in consultation with SCHEV.

May 5, 2022:

Regularly scheduled session of the full board and standing committees (Academic Programs, Diversity, and University Community Committee; Audit Risk, and Compliance Committee; Development Committee; Finance and Land Use Committee; Research Committee).

Actions:

- Approval of Board of Visitors Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023
- Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Faculty Handbook
- Approval of Name of College of Health and Human Services to the College Public Health
- Approval of New Programs:
 - PhD Geology/Earth Sciences
 - PhD Social Work
- Approval of Faculty Actions:
 - Promotion and/or Tenure
 - Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status
 - Special Rank Change
- Adoption of FY23 University Operating Budget, Tuition and Fees
- Approval of Bridge Financing for Fuse at Mason Square
- Approval of Six-Year Capital Plan
- Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients
- Approval of Amendment to Dr. George Washington's Employment Agreement

June 29, 2022 – Special Board of Visitors Meeting:

The Board engaged with university administration to discuss Governor Youngkin's request that all public higher education institutions in the Commonwealth that passed a tuition increase for the 2022-2023 academic year reconsider and rescind the tuition increase.

Actions:

- Approval of Special Tuition Committee Creation

July 28, 2022 – President’s Annual Planning Conference:

The Board engaged with university administration to discuss prioritized elements of the university’s strategic mission. This meeting was held in person, in accordance with the provisions and requirements in the Code of Virginia.

July 29, 2022 – Board of Visitors Annual Meeting:

Regularly scheduled annual meeting of the Board of Visitors, including meeting of the Executive Committee. The Board received a legal overview from University Counsel that included briefings on Virginia FOIA and COIA laws and protocols. The Board met with President Washington in closed session to discuss his evaluation.

Actions:

- Election of Rector
- Election of Vice Rector
- Election of Secretary
- Election of Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee (2)
- Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments
- Approval of President Washington’s FY23 Goals
- Approval of Faculty Actions:
 - Election of New Tenured Faculty
 - Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status
- Approval of Classified Information Access Resolution
- Approval Documents and Records Request Policy
- Approval of President Washington’s Performance Bonus
- Approval of Base Salary Increase for President Washington

September 9, 2022 – Special Tuition Committee Meeting:

The Special Tuition Committee engaged with university administration to discuss Governor Youngkin’s request that all public higher education institutions in the Commonwealth that passed a tuition increase for the 2022-2023 academic year reconsider and rescind the tuition increase.

September 29, 2022:

Regularly scheduled sessions of the full board and all standing committees (Academic Programs, Diversity, and University Community Committee; Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee; Development Committee; Executive Committee; Finance and Land Use Committee; Research Committee).

Actions:

- Approval of Updated Electronic Participation Policy
- Approval of President Gregory Washington's FY23 Goals Metrics
- Approval of FY23 Amended Budget (Reflects a waiver for the previously adopted in-state tuition increase.)
- Approval of State Six-Year Operating Plan
- Approval of Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission Span of Control
- Certification of Land Use
- Approval of New Degree Program: School Psychology EdS
- Approval of Closed Degree Programs
 - Biomedical Science MS
 - Executive Master's in Public Policy EMPP
 - Information Technology ENGINEER
 - New Professional Studies MA/MS
 - Telecommunications Policy MA
 - Urban Systems Engineering BS
- Approval of Faculty Actions: Elections of New Tenured Faculty

December 1, 2022:

Regularly scheduled sessions of the full board and all standing committees (Academic Programs, Diversity, and University Community Committee; Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee; Development Committee; Executive Committee; Finance and Land Use Committee; Research Committee).

Actions:

- Approval of SCHEV Orientation Attendance
- Approval of Strategic Plan
- Approval of the Activities Building Project Budget
- Approval of Johnson Center HVAC Replacement Project
- Approval of Aquatic Fitness Center Capital Renewal
- Approval of Closed Degree Program: Health and Medical Policy, MS
- Approval of Faculty Actions:
 - Elections of New Tenured Faculty
 - Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status
- Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

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