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Christopher Newport University 2025 Annual Executive Summary of Interim Activity

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**Enabling Authority**

§§ 23.1-1400 through 1403

**Executive Summary**

Christopher Newport University is a public institution of higher education, created by §§ 23.1-1400 through 1403 of the *Code of Virginia* and governed by the General Assembly of Virginia.

Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia* § 23.1-1303(B)(13), this Summary of Interim Activity is respectfully submitted. All necessary changes and operational efforts directed by 2013 Chapter 577 have been incorporated into the operations and activities of the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University.

In 2024, the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors conducted its business as a “state public body” for purposes of the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only conducted closed meetings in conformance with the provisions of that law.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Conducted a Board Self-Evaluation Survey
- Adopted an amendment to the Board’s By-laws proposing an appointment of a non-voting member of the Faculty to the Board of Visitors
- Adopted a Gift Acceptance Policy
- Adopted a Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness Policy
- Adopted 2024 Crisis and Emergency Management Plan
- Board approval of Proposed Regulation on the Prohibition of Weapons on Campus
- Agreement with Riverside College for Health Sciences which establishes a partnership for a nursing program
- Partnership with Tidewater Community College in the CNU Ready program facilitating transition for community college transfers
- Approval of a new School of Engineering and Computing and School of Arts
- Construction of the Science and Engineering Research Center and Luter Hall Expansion
- Reviewed the strategic priorities and objectives developed by the campus Strategic Planning Steering Committee and President Kelly.

In 2024, the Board of Visitors held regularly scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September and November. In conformance with the provisions of the *Code*, the Board of

Visitors convened and conducted a separate meeting on June 7, 2024, for the purpose of delivering an evaluation of the Interim President's performance.

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, the Board of Visitors held the following meetings:

- April 3, 2024 - Budget Presentation and Public Comment Session on the setting of tuition and fees;
- September 9, 2024 - Board of Visitors Orientation for new members; and
- November 12-13, 2024 – SCHEV sponsored Orientation and Expanded Training with 7 members of the Board in attendance.

The Board of Visitors webpage is located at <http://cnu.edu/whoweare/bov/>. This website includes access to Board Bylaws, listing of members and committees, meeting minutes, schedule of meetings, email address for public communications, agendas and supporting materials. The Board of Visitors continues to use a cloud-based platform to manage its meeting agendas and meeting materials and to make those materials publicly available.