

**BOARD OF VISITORS
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

**Meeting of
Thursday, May 4, 2023
Merten Hall, Hazel Conference Room (1201)**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Vice Rector Simmi Bhuller, Secretary Jon Peterson, Visitors Reginald Brown, Lindsey Burke, Anjan Chimaladinne, James Hazel, Juan Carlos Iturregui, Mehmood Kazmi, Wendy Marquez, Michael Meese, Carolyn Moss, Dolly Oberoi, Robert Pence, Nancy Prowitt and Robert Witeck.

ABSENT: Rector Horace Blackman.

ALSO, PRESENT: Melissa Broeckelman-Post, Faculty Representative; Erin Rogers, Staff Liaison; Sophia Nguyen, Undergraduate Student Representative, Ayondela McDole, Graduate Student Representative; Gregory Washington, President; Ken Walsh, Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Chief of Staff; Mark Ginsberg, Provost and Executive Vice President; Deb Dickenson, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration; Anne Gentry, University Counsel and Sarah Hanbury, Secretary pro tem.

I. Call to Order

Vice Rector Bhuller called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m.

Vice Rector Bhuller stated that the board is accepting public comments at this session and that registration for making oral comments was open until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 1 through the form on the Board of Visitors website. No registrations for oral comments were received. Written public comments that were received will be made a part of the public record of this meeting. In addition, written comments will be accepted on the same form until the full board meeting adjourns this afternoon.

Vice Rector Buller relayed that she was filling in for Rector Blackman who had a work conflict.

II. Recognitions

A. Appreciation Plaque Presentation to Outgoing Student Representatives

Vice Rector Bhuller recognized the 2022-2023 student representatives to the board, Sophia Nguyen and Ayondela McDole. She offered for Sophia Nguyen to provide remarks and introduce her successor. Ms. Nguyen wished everyone a happy Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) Heritage Month. Ms. Nguyen stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Mason's Student Body President and thanked Rose Pascarell, Vice President of University Life for her mentorship. Ms. Nguyen advised accepting the students' needs above all else. Ms. Nguyen relayed that her plans include interning for IBI Global Insights, volunteering for the Red Cross as part of the disaster action team and will begin her graduate studies this fall at Mason. Ms. Nguyen then introduced Paul Wyche, her successor as student body president who is working toward an undergraduate degree in cybersecurity engineering. Ms. Nguyen noted that during Mr. Wyche's time at Mason, he has given tours of the Fairfax Campus as a Mason Ambassador, is a Head Lifeguard and Swim Meet Administrator at the Mason Aquatic and Fitness Center, is a former Student Senator, is a former Chair of the Government Community Relations Committee and is a former Speaker of the Student Senate.

Vice Rector Bhuller offered for Ayondela McDole to provide remarks and introduce her successor. Ms. McDole thanked the Board for their leadership and for the connectivity that allowed her to have a seat at the table. Ms. McDole noted that the Board thinks of the students a lot and that she can relay this information without fear of contradiction. Ms. McDole introduced Vikas Velagpudi, her successor as the President of the Graduate and Professional Student

Association (GAPSA). Ms. McDole stated that Mr. Velagpudi is a first-year master's student in computer science and is new to Mason.

Vice Rector Bhuller presented Ms. Nguyen and Ms. McDole with their own plaque of appreciation for their contributions to the Board during the past year.

B. Recognition of Critical Language Scholarship Spark Award, Goldwater Scholar and Smithsonian Guggenheim Fellow

Vice Rector Bhuller introduced Dr. Megan Bruening, Director of the Office of Fellowships to present this year's student scholars. Dr. Bruening highlighted the following items:

- The Office of Fellowships advises Mason students and alumni as they apply to external, nationally competitive awards that support scholarship, research and professional development.
- The Fellowships Office aims to raise the academic profile of Mason through competitive awards.
- Three student scholars were recognized in the following awards:
 - Goldwater Scholarship:
 - Lina Alkarmi is Mason's 12th Goldwater Scholar. The Goldwater Scholarship is a nationally competitive award given to STEM undergraduates who have demonstrated potential to become leaders in their field of research.
 - Critical Language Scholar:
 - Nina Avedissian is the recipient of the Arabic Critical Language Scholarship Spark Award. The Critical Language Scholarship sponsored by the Department of the State, is a nationally competitive award supporting the study of languages critical to American security and success.
 - Florence and Daniel Guggenheim Fellow:
 - Anne Dobberteen is Mason's first recipient of this fellowship. The Florence and Daniel Guggenheim Fellowship is a nationally competitive award for pre- and post-doctoral research on the topics of American aviation and aerial history.

All three student scholars were in attendance and recognized with applause.

C. Recognition of Early Identification Program (EIP) Graduating Students

Vice Rector Bhuller reported that the names of the graduates and the history of EIP were provided in the board materials for this meeting. Vice Rector Bhuller introduced Mr. Khaseem Davis, Director of EIP who highlighted the following items:

- EIP serves as the college preparatory program of Mason and provides access to educational resources for middle and high school students who will be the first in their families to attend a college or university.
- All of this year's EIP graduates have been connected to Mason since the age of 13.
- Currently, more than 750 middle and high school students are enrolled in EIP.
- Mr. Davis then introduced Noel Quezada as this year's student speaker:
 - Mr. Quezada stated that it is an honor to be representing the EIP graduating class of 2023; he is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology with a double minor in General and Forensic Psychology from the Honors College.
 - In addition to graduating, he will also be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army through Mason's ROTC program.
 - In high school, EIP taught him that dreams can turn into reality. It was inspiring to see college students who looked like him and had similar stories.

- He has served in various roles within EIP such as participating in the first online summer academy during the pandemic, mentoring at his former high school and taking part in panels for Spanish-speaking parents who wanted to understand EIP.

The Board and members of the gallery recognized the graduates with a standing ovation.

D. Jack Wood Awards Presentation

Vice Rector Bhuller reported that stories for each Jack Wood Award recipient in their respective categories were provided in the board materials. Vice Rector Buller then introduced Traci Kendall, Executive Director, Community and Local Government Relations to present this year's Jack Wood Awards. Ms. Kendall relayed that the Jack Wood Awards is celebrating its ten-year anniversary, which represents goal number three of Mason's strategic plan. Ms. Kendall provided the history of the Jack Wood Award along with information regarding the design of the award itself. Ms. Kendall provided congratulatory remarks for the following recipients of the seven awarded categories:

- Faculty/Staff Category:
 - Dr. Christy Esposito-Smythers, Professor, Psychology is this year's recipient. Keith Renshaw, Department Chair/Professor of Psychology at Mason nominated Dr. Esposito-Smythers and accepted the award on her behalf.
- Community Member Category:
 - Jennifer Disano, Board Chair for Fall for the Book is this year's recipient and was in attendance to accept her award.
- Business/Nonprofit Category:
 - Northern Virginia Food Rescue is this year's recipient. Jim Kraut, Board Member of the Northern Virginia Food Rescue accepted the award on behalf of his company.
- Partnership Category:
 - "Made in Arlington" Market Pop-Ups at Mason Square is this year's recipient. Susan Soroko, Director of Creative Economy, accepted the award on behalf of Arlington Economic Development and Melissa Thierry, Director, Regional Campuses, University Life, accepted the award on behalf of the Mason Team. All members of the Mason Team who were in attendance were invited to take the floor.
- Innovation Category:
 - George Mason University's Safety, Emergency, & Enterprise Risk Management (SEERM) team is this year's recipient. Julie Zobel, Associate Vice President, Safety, Emergency, and Enterprise Risk Management was in attendance and accepted the award on behalf of her team. All present members of the SEERM Team were invited to take the floor.
- Elected Official/Government Staff Category:
 - David L. Meyer is this year's recipient and was in attendance to accept his award.
- Legacy Award:
 - Delegate Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum is this year's recipient and was in attendance to accept his award.

On behalf of the board, Vice Rector Bhuller congratulated and extended appreciation to all the award recipients for their leadership in fostering mutually beneficial relations between Mason and the community. Visitor Hazel commented that Jack Wood's name only appears at this University at the top of the Mason Board of Visitors Rectors panel located in the James W. Hazel Conference Room (Merten Hall, 1201). Visitor Hazel relayed that Jack Wood was the founder of Mason and that he would like to see an appropriate naming to recognize his legacy on the Fairfax campus. Visitor Hazel further clarified that the naming could be inside or outside. Lastly, Visitor Hazel stated that Mayor Meyers' son is graduating from Mason in a couple of weeks. His son was in attendance and applause ensued.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Full Board Meeting on February 23, 2023 (ACTION ITEM)**
- B. Special Board Meeting on March 29, 2023 (ACTION ITEM)**

- C. Full Board Meeting on April 4, 2023 (**ACTION ITEM**)
- D. Continuing Education Session on April 4, 2023 (**ACTION ITEM**)

Vice Rector Bhuller called for any corrections to the minutes for the full board meeting on February 23, 2023, the special full board meeting on March 29, 2023, the full board meeting on April 4, 2022, and the continuing education session on April 4, 2023, that was provided in the board meeting materials. Hearing no corrections, the **MINUTES STOOD APPROVED AS WRITTEN**.

IV. Rector's Report

Vice Rector Bhuller highlighted the following survey information:

- Reminder that Commencement is on Thursday, May 18, 2023.
- In preparation for Board elections during the annual meeting on July 29, 2023, Rector Blackman appointed a Nominations Committee. Visitor Prowitt and Rector Blackman agreed to serve on the committee.
- Following the review of the Self-Assessment Survey Results at the February 23, 2023 meeting, there were some questions about the revised Electronic Participation Policy that the Board adopted during the September 29, 2022 meeting. An overview of the policy was provided with the full policy included in the meeting materials. The revised policy allows the BOV to take advantage of the changes that FOIA made last year regarding electronic participation in meetings:
 - The revised policy permits two all-virtual meetings per calendar year which cannot be consecutive. This applies to both full board and committee meetings.
 - For individual remote participation, a board member must meet one of the four allowable reasons, which they identify with specificity and also obtain the Rector's approval in advance of the meeting. A quorum of the Board must be physically assembled at the primary meeting location. An individual remote participant does not count toward the in-person quorum nor does the Rector for committee meetings.
 - The first allowable reason for individual remote participation is due to a personal matter. Remote participation due to a personal matter cannot occur more than twice per calendar year.
 - The other three individual remote participation reasons are temporary or permanent disability, a medical condition of a family member requiring the Board member to provide care, the member's principal residence is more than 60 miles away from the meeting location. A numerical attendance limitation is not placed on these three individual remote participation reasons.

This concluded the Rector's Report.

V. President's Report

Dr. Washington provided the following highlights:

- In regards to the EIP speaker, it is good to have a reminder of what is important and why we are here.
- Update
 - Enrollment
 - Going to have a significant enrollment increase this year which is coming at a time when other state institutions are on a decline.
 - Rankings
 - Mason has 10 programs in the top 30 among public universities.
 - Research
 - Research expenditures were up during the previous fiscal year and are down a little this year. However, because awards have increased so significantly over time it will balance out.
 - Regional Impact

- Mason's impact on the region is the highest it has ever been. Mason Enterprise recently had an audited impact of about \$3.6 billion.
- A high percentage of Mason graduates are in the DMV metro area.
- Challenges Ahead
 - Cost Inflation
 - Uncertainty of Support
 - Increasing bureaucracy relative to increasing reporting and operations nationally and statewide.
 - Uncertain Economy
 - National enrollment cliff is coming and has started in many states already. The net effect of the enrollment cliff on the entire country will be seen in 2025.
 - Student Mental Wellness
 - Students are under tremendous stress. The development of creative ways to address this concern is needed moving forward.
- 2022-23 Presidential Metrics
 - Please refer to the slide provided in the meeting materials for specifics.
 - A green status means good, red means not so good and yellow means okay.
 - The one area that will not likely be met this year is to improve the U.S. News & World Report (USNWR) public ranking to 62 or better for the whole campus but many of Mason's individual programs have increased.
- Funding Challenges Ahead
 - Highlighted the state support given to Mason over the past four years.
 - The increased state support given has gone to catch Mason up to where its peers were previously. It was not meant to be an offset for tuition.
 - Mason's state support on a per-student basis is significantly less than Virginia Tech, UVA and VCU.
 - Mason is growing at the rate of state inflation which includes the state money.
 - State support has increased and costs have increased more.
 - Mason's tuition and fees are growing but relatively flat and lower than inflation. Tuition and fee rates are increased to the minimum amount needed to survive. The recommended tuition and fee rate for FY24 is far less than the amount of resources that are needed. Mason has to become more efficient to make up the difference.
 - Of the in-state peer institutions that are raising their tuition, none of them are lower than Mason's increase.
- Our Plan for Success
 - Implementing a critical hiring pause.
 - Engaging the Unengaged
 - The Mason Virginia Promise is a pathway towards an advanced degree or owning your own business for everyone Virginian who wants it.
 - Spanish language engagements.
 - Piloting a direct entry program into Mason.
 - Enhanced student mental health support by hiring more staff and implementing Timely MD, which is a virtual mental health and well-being service for students to receive care.

Dr. Washington concluded his President's Report by stating Mason's future and direction are positive. Vice Rector Bhuller opened the floor for discussion. Significant discussion ensued, please refer to the video for specifics: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8557205/video/824774362>.

VI. Public Comments

No registrations for oral or written public comments were received.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Research Committee

Visitor Prowitt briefed the board on the topics presented and discussed during the Research Committee meeting, which included:

- Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Economic Impact, Andre Marshall, reported the economic impact of Mason Enterprise was \$3.36 Billion, achieved through 40,000 hours of 1:1 counseling to 10,000 small businesses, 1,600 training programs for 30,000 attendees, and 550 companies incubated. 61% of businesses served were woman-owned, 46% were minority-owned, and 15% were veteran-owned. He provided highlights for programs, partnerships, and initiatives across the university. These included IDIA's Public-Private-Partnership (P3) Faculty Fellows Program, the launch of Mason's Living Laboratory program on the Fairfax Campus, and the outfitting of Mason's GoVA-funded nanofabrication facility on the Prince William Campus with \$8.5M of equipment.
- Edward Maibach, a distinguished Mason Professor in the College of Humanities and Social Science and Director of Mason's Center for Climate Change Communication (Mason 4C), and Ph.D. student Eryn Campbell, provided an overview of Mason 4C research and public communication programming—including Ms. Campbell's successfully defended dissertation research. A "think and do tank," Mason 4C faculty, students, and professional staff conduct communication research in service of climate change solutions and leverage research insights into effective public communication initiatives.

There were no action items from the committee to bring before the full board.

B. Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee

Visitor Kazmi briefed the board on the topics presented and discussed during the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee meeting, which included:

- Received the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts' examination of Mason's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. The Auditor issued an unmodified opinion concluding the statements present fairly, in all material respects, Mason's financial position and results of operations.
- The Auditor also issued a separate Internal Controls and Compliance Report covering internal controls over financial reporting and, for the first time in memory, the Auditors' procedures did not identify any significant deficiencies requiring communication to the Board.
- Deb Dickenson reviewed with the Committee the resumption of Mason's enterprise risk management function as an integral component of the Finance and Administration organization. The structure, which was in place prior to the pandemic, will result in a close alignment of the enterprise risk management function with senior leaders and organizations involved in strategic and financial decision-analysis and decision-making. Accordingly, the charter was adjusted for the audit and compliance office to reflect this change.
- Received a briefing on the status of research integrity and assurance programs at Mason. A new technology suite is being introduced to automate outdated and non-integrated systems and processes to create a better experience for faculty in dealing with administrative burdens; more efficient and automated processing; and better reporting. The Office of Research Integrity and Assurance supports researchers comprehensively in addressing their compliance needs; as the research portfolio continues to grow, particularly towards increased secure and applied research, clinical research, and research involving various animal species, and as the regulatory landscape continues to evolve in reaction to perceived national security threats, compliance demands to protect Mason and Mason's researchers are likely to grow.
- The Committee reviewed the reports covering audit, compliance, and management's program to strengthen the IT control infrastructure included in the meeting materials.

There were no action items from the committee to bring before the full board.

Visitor Kazmi noted that due to his term concluding this is likely his final BOV meeting. He added how much he has enjoyed his time on the Board. He proceeded to thank Ed Dittmeier and Mason faculty and staff.

C. Academic Programs, Diversity and University Community Committee

Visitor Moss briefed the board on the topics presented and discussed during the Academic Programs, Diversity and University Community Committee meeting, which included:

- Provost Mark Ginsberg provided an overview of notable events that happened during the Spring Semester as well as providing a preview of Spring Commencement, Summer and Fall enrollment trends, and the Fall 2023 schedule. He shared details of the Class of 2022 Career Planning Survey, and highlighted Mason's current graduate rankings from U.S. News and World Report. He also shared multiple teaching awards and faculty honors. He concluded with a detailed overview of the recent review of the Promotion and Tenure process.
- Provost Ginsberg and Ali Andalibi, Senior Associate Dean of the College of Science, delivered an overview of the university's efforts towards the formation of a Mason School of Medicine. He contextualized Mason's position within the larger landscape of medical education both nationally and within Virginia. In addition, he elaborated on the three partnership models presently being considered by the university. The inherent challenges in establishing a medical school were examined and the subsequent steps in this ongoing initiative were outlined.
- Melissa Broeckelman-Post, Faculty Senate President, presented a report on the Faculty Senate which included: Updated academic policies; the Task Force on Reimagining faculty roles and rewards; the Faculty Annual Evaluation Work Group; and Mason Core Enhancements.

Visitor Moss **MOVED** to approve the following seven (7) actions items, en bloc, as provided in the meeting materials:

1. New Business
 - a. Proposed Revisions to the Faculty Handbook
2. Program Actions
 - a. Closed Degree Programs
 - i. Information Security and Assurance MS (**ACTION ITEM**)
 - ii. Astronomy BA (**ACTION ITEM**)
3. Faculty Actions
 - a. Promotion and/or Tenure (**ACTION ITEM**)
 - b. Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status (**ACTION ITEM**)
 - c. Elections of New Tenured Faculty (**ACTION ITEM**)
 - d. Special Rank Change (**ACTION ITEM**)

The motion was **SECONDED** by Visitor Kazmi. Vice Rector Bhuller opened the floor for discussion. There was none. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

D. Finance and Land Use Committee

Visitor Iturregui briefed the board on the topics presented and discussed during the Finance and Land Use Committee meeting, which included two (2) actions items that require full Board approval:

4. The Committee voted to approve Mason's Six-Year Capital Plan, which includes \$249M in auxiliary reserves for real estate acquisitions, energy efficiency investments, and other projects that are ineligible for Commonwealth funding. For the annual capital request, Mason's submission will include building projects and critical deferred maintenance for which funding was not previously allocated.

5. The Committee voted to approve the proposed FY24 budget ranges, including tuition, fee, and room and board rates. This includes a proposed \$300 increase for undergraduate and graduate tuition with a 3% in the mandatory student fee. The annual housing increase is 2% with a 4.5% dining increase. Since the General Assembly has not yet finalized the FY24 State budget, three budget scenarios for FY24 are being recommended. Each scenario incorporates different assumptions for State General Fund Appropriations, State authorized salary increases and variations on the \$300 tuition increase. The FY24 Operating Budget will be balanced within a range of \$1.35-\$1.39B. Once the General Assembly passes the FY24 State Budget, an amended FY24 Operating Budget will be presented for approval.

Visitor Iturregui **MOVED** to approve the following two actions items, en bloc, as provided in the meeting materials:

1. Financial Matters
 - a. FY 2024 University Operating Budget, Tuition and Fees (**ACTION ITEM**)
2. Capital Matters
 - a. Six-Year Capital Plan (**ACTION ITEM**)

The motion was **SECONDED** by Visitor Hazel. Vice Rector Bhuller opened the floor for discussion. Visitor Brown requested that the two action items be taken out of the bloc.

Visitor Iturregui **MOVED** to approve the Six-Year Capital Plan. The motion was **SECONDED** by Visitor Hazel. Vice Rector Bhuller opened the floor for discussion. There was none. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

Visitor Iturregui **MOVED** to approve the FY 2024 University Operating Budget including tuition and fee rates. The motion was **SECONDED** by Visitor Hazel. Vice Rector Bhuller opened the floor for discussion. Visitor Brown stated that he is not able to vote in favor of the tuition and fee rates at this time. The Secretary of the Commonwealth has agreed to meet with Rector Blackman to see if there's a way to close the gap between the State's expectations and Mason's, and to discuss the State allowing Mason to manage its own funds. It was his preference to abstain from voting until he has the conversation with Secretary Guidera. Further Discussion ensued, please refer to the meeting's video record for specifics: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8557205/video/824774362>. **MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Yes – 11

Abstain – 3 – Visitors Brown, Burke and Pence

Absent – 2 – Rector Blackman and Visitor Oberoi

Visitor Iturregui noted that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board and thanked everyone.

E. Development Committee

Visitor Chimaladinne briefed the board on the topics presented and discussed during the Development Committee meeting, which included:

- Board of Trustees (BOT) – Michael E. Stievater, Foundation Chair
 - The BOT will begin its Spring Board cycle next week and will conclude on June 15.
- Advancement and Alumni Relations – Ms. Trishana Bowden, Vice President, Advancement and Alumni Relations/President
 - On April 20, Mason held a gala campaign event to launch the historic billion-dollar campaign for Mason's future.
 - At the gala the news of a foundational gift to Mason's School of Business--\$50 million dollar planned gift from the Costello estate, renaming it the Donald G. Costello School of Business was shared. Recent gifts and expanded partnerships were mentioned, with CACI, Dominion Energy, Truist Bank,

Sentara Healthcare, the Morris and Gwendolyn Foundation, Accenture and General Dynamics and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

- This year, Mason Vision Day focused on Food Insecurity and raised \$80,000 from 369 donors, including a generous gift of \$30,000 from Capital Area Food Bank. Overall, Mason Vision Day 2023 raised a remarkable \$290,000 from 918 donors.
- Mason Now: Power the Possible will require Visitor engagement, volunteering, and expertise from all respective professions which can significantly bolster Advancement's efforts. Individual engagement plans, similar to the Board of Trustees, will be developed to ensure involvement is strategic and meaningful.
- Campaign Planning Report – Penelepe Hunt, Principal & Senior Consultant – Marts & Lundy
 - Ms. Penelepe Hunt shared the internal preparation components of the study process undertaken when universities are considering a campaign. Ms. Hunt advised the role that members of the senior leadership will play during the campaign and reviewed the working campaign timeline.
- Salon Events – Ms. Eileen Kennedy, Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations, Central & Units
 - Ms. Eileen Kennedy introduced tips and techniques to the Visitors for the ingredients for a successful Salon Event in their homes or clubs. She discussed their purpose and introduced the names of the current members of the Board of Trustees Advancement & University Priorities Committee who will shepherd and strengthen Board engagement with the salon event efforts.

There were no action items from the committee to bring before the full board.

VIII. Closed Session

- A. Personnel Matter (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.1)
- B. Public Contract (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.29)
- C. Acquisition of Real Property (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.3)
- D. Consultation with Legal Counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.7)
- E. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.8)

Secretary Peterson **MOVED** that the Board go into Closed Session under the provisions of Section 2.2-3711.A.1 for the following Personnel Matter: to discuss a pending University investigation and an employment contract; under the provisions of Section 2.2-3711.A.29, to discuss a Public Contract related to the Arlington Initiative; under the provisions of Section 2.2-3711.A.3, to discuss the Acquisition of Real Property related to the Arlington Initiative; under the provisions of Section 2.2-3711.A.7, for Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation including briefings on:

Agrawal v. GMU
Amison v. GMU
Auerswald v. GMU – settled
Ganley and Surber v. GMU et al.
Jeong v. GMU
Kashdan v. GMU
Kinuani v. GMU
Mahmud v GMU
Morrison v. GMU et al.
Rourke v. Rowan et al.
Ukor v. GMU

and Section 2.2-3711.A.8 for Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning the aforementioned items. The motion was **SECONDED** by Visitor Kazmi. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Following closed session, Secretary Peterson **MOVED** that the board go back into public session and further moved that by roll call vote the board affirm that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting, and that only such business matters that were identified in the motion to go into a closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. Any member of the board who believes that there was a departure from the requirements as stated, shall so state prior to taking the roll call, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place. **ALL PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY ROLL CALL.** Secretary Peterson responded in the affirmative for the closed session items he was in attendance for.

IX. Adjournment

Vice Rector Bhuller called for any additional business to come before the board. On behalf of the Board and as the previous rector, Visitor Hazel thanked Visitors Simmi Bhuller, Carolyn Moss, Juan Carlos Iturregui and Mehmood Kazmi for their four years of service to the Board as their terms expire this year. Applause ensued. Vice Rector Bhuller conveyed that serving has been an honor for them and adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Prepared by:

Sarah Hanbury
Secretary pro tem