

**George Mason University Board of Visitors
2021 Executive Summary of Interim Activities**

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 23.1-1303.13, the Board of Visitors of George Mason University provide the following executive summary of interim activity for calendar year 2021.

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 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 30, 2021, to discuss his evaluation.

During 2021, the Board of Visitors held the following meetings and took the following actions:

February 25, 2021:

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). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were held electronically via Zoom, per 2020 Commonwealth Budget Bill General Provisions: § 4-0.01.g.1, and broadcast live at <https://gmutv.gmu.edu/live-broadcast/>.

Actions:

- Approval of Proposed Changes to Faculty Handbook
- Election of New Tenured Faculty
- Adoption of Board Self-Assessment Survey Results
- Debt Policy Compliance Annual Review and Approval
- Approval of SciTech Roadway and Sewer Easements
- Approval of One University Dedication Plat

April 1, 2021:

Meeting of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee and full board. Full board met for the purpose of receiving public comment on tuition and mandatory fees, per Code of Virginia § 23.1-307. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were held electronically via Zoom, per 2020 Commonwealth Budget Bill General Provisions: § 4-0.01.g.1, and broadcast live at <https://gmutv.gmu.edu/live-broadcast/>.

May 6, 2021:

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). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were held electronically via Zoom, per 2020 Commonwealth Budget Bill General Provisions: § 4-0.01.g.1, and broadcast live at <https://gmutv.gmu.edu/live-broadcast/>.

Actions:

- Approval of Board of Visitors Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022
- Approval of Proposed Revisions to Faculty Senate Charter
- Creation of Mason Korea Industry-Academic Foundation
- Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Faculty Handbook
- Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Administrative/Professional Faculty Handbook
- Approval of New Programs:
 - BA International Security and Law
 - MS Business Analytics
 - MS Marketing
- Approval of Program Closure: MA in Transportation Policy, Operations and Logistics
- Approval of Faculty Actions:
 - Promotion and/or Tenure
 - Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status
 - Election of New Tenured Faculty
- Adoption of FY22 University Operating Budget, Tuition and Fees
- Approval of Two-Year Capital Plan
- Approval of Fairfax Washington Gas Easement

July 29, 2021 – 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 30, 2021 – 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 laws and protocols. The Board met with President Washington in closed session to discuss his evaluation. This meeting was held in person, in accordance with the provisions and requirements in the Code of Virginia.

Actions:

- Election of Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee (2)
- Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments
- Approval of President Washington’s FY22 Goals
- Faculty Actions:
 - Conferral of Emeritus/Emerita Status
 - Elections of New Hires
 - Approval of Special Rank Change
- Approval of Classified Information Access Resolution
- Approval Documents and Records Request Policy
- Approval of Retirement Incentive Program
- Approval of Amended FY22 Budget, Tuition and Fees – Tuition Rate Correction
- Approval of President Washington’s Performance Bonus
- Approval of base salary increase for President Washington

September 30, 2021:

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). This meeting was held in person, in accordance with the provisions and requirements in the Code of Virginia.

Actions:

- Approval of FY22 Amended Budget
- Approval of State Six-Year Operating Plan
- Approval of Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission Span of Control
- Approval of Six-Year Capital Plan
- Certification of Land Use
- Creation of University Building Official Position
- Approval of Degree Program Name Change: “MA International Commerce and Policy” to “MA Global Commerce and Policy”
- Approval of Program Closures:
 - MS Physical Education

- BS Ed Health Education
- Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

November 19, 2021:

Special Executive Committee session for the purpose of considering items during recess of the full board. This meeting was held in person, in accordance with the provisions and requirements in the Code of Virginia.

Actions:

- Approval of Vacation of Easements with Arlington County
- Approval of Granting of Easements to Arlington County
- Approval of Agreement and Covenant to Maintain Stormwater Facilities with Arlington County
- Approval of Schematic Design for Arlington Expansion Building
- Approval of Interim Agreement with Mason Innovation Partners

December 2, 2021:

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). This meeting was held in person, in accordance with the provisions and requirements in the Code of Virginia.

Actions:

- Affirmation of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan
- Delegation of Authority for Retirement Investment Plan
- Approval of Schematic Design for Life Science and Engineering Building
- Approval of New Degree Program: Master of Computing
- Approval of Degree Program Name Change: "BS Community Health" to "BS Public Health"
- Election of New Tenured Faculty

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