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BOARD OF VISITORS PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION FOR PROPOSED 2025-26 TUITION AND FEES

March 5, 2025

In accordance with *Code of Virginia* §23.1-307(E), requiring boards of visitors to hold public comment sessions prior to acting on any proposed increase in undergraduate tuition or mandatory fees, an ad hoc committee of Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors met in open session on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in a virtual meeting that was livestreamed for the public on YouTube.

Present
Edward H. Baine (Rector)
Sandy C. Davis
Nancy Dye
William Holtzman
Donald Horsley
Anna L. James
Starlette Johnson
Letitia A. Long
Ryan D. McCarthy
John Rocovich
Jeanne Stosser

Also present were the following: President Timothy Sands, Kim O'Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Simon Allen, Al Cooper, Corey Earles, Kay Heidbreder, Tim Hodge, April Myers, Mark Owczarski, Lori Rose, Lisa Royal, Amy Sebring, Brennan Shepard, and Dee Dee Somervell.

During the public comment session, there were 42 concurrent viewers on YouTube and a total of 52 views.

Speakers: Ronnie Mondal (President of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate) and Alexander Efird (President of the Undergraduate Student Senate.

Rector Baine called the virtual meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. In accordance with *Code of Virginia* §23.1-307(D), a public notice of the proposed range of increase in tuition and fees was issued on February 21, 2025; the public notice included information about the public comment period. (Copy filed with permanent minutes and marked Attachment A.)

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TUITION WORKSHOP

The meeting began with a 15-minute tuition workshop presented by Amy Sebring, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Sebring's PowerPoint presentation covered affordability and financial aid to Virginia Tech students, student success rates, the level of state support, how state support and tuition revenue are used, and factors influencing tuition development, as well as proposed ranges for 2025-26 tuition and fee increases. (Copy filed with the permanent minutes and marked Attachment B.)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Following the presentation, Rector Baine called on Ms. O'Rourke to review the guidelines for the 30-minute public comment period. Each speaker was allotted three minutes to speak and were to limit their comments to the topic of tuition and fees.

Two individuals from the Virginia Tech community pre-registered to speak: the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and the president of the Undergraduate Student Senate. During the meeting, no additional individuals signed up to speak. In total, two individuals gave public comments, and those speakers submitted typed versions of their comments to be entered into the public record. (Copy filed with the permanent minutes and marked Attachment C.)

The public comment session ended at 4:45 p.m.

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The public was also given the opportunity to submit written comments through March 17, 2025. The Board of Visitors is scheduled to take action on the proposed tuition and fees for 2025-26 at its next regular meeting on March 25, 2025. All public comments will be provided to the Board in preparation for that meeting and will become part of the public record.

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Edward H. Baine, Rector

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Kim O'Rourke, Secretary