

**LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS**

**May 19, 2023**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The Longwood University Board of Visitors met on Friday, May 19 in Stallard Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Rector Michael Evans.

Members present:

Michael Evans  
Katharine Bond  
Cookie Scott  
Ronald White  
Kristie Proctor  
Shawn Smith  
Judi Lynch  
Polly Raible  
Fabiola Carter  
Nadine Marsh-Carter  
Ricshawn Adkins Roane

Also present:

President W. Taylor Reveley IV  
Justin Pope, Vice President and Chief of Staff  
Cameron O’Brion, University Counsel  
Matthew McGregor, Vice President for Administration and Finance

President Reveley gave an overview of the schedule for Graduation Weekend and plans for the upcoming Board meeting in June. He and the Rector addressed a number of important aspects of the agenda for June, including the importance of periodic mission review, Board self-evaluation, evaluation of the president, and annual elections. The Rector said that within the next few days Board members would receive material related to these matters, including a Board self-evaluation survey, which would inform discussions in June.

The rector asked for a motion to approve honorary degrees for graduation speakers Kirk Cox and John Feinstein, and to award emeritus status to Dr. Edward Kinman (Professor of Geography). Cookie Scott so moved, Ron White seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

President Reveley gave an overview of the complexities and challenges of the process to build a budget and set tuition given continued budget negotiations in Richmond. He said that Longwood

has consistently, along with Virginia Tech and Virginia State, been among the Virginia public higher education institutions with the lowest tuition increases, and expects to be so again this cycle. Matt McGregor gave an overview of the budget-building process and the conservative assumptions that have informed it, and the tuition and fees proposal. President Reveley explained why it is important to go ahead and set tuition now, rather than waiting for a resolution regarding the budget in Richmond, so financial aid, billing and planning by students and families can proceed, even while retaining the option to provide additional philanthropic assistance to students over the course of the year if additional state funding is finalized. Several board members emphasized the importance in communication regarding tuition of emphasizing that the vast majority of students receive some form of financial aid, and do not pay the list price, and that the price increase amounts to a few hundred dollars annually, against the backdrop of high overall inflation.

The rector asked for a motion to approve 2023-24 Tuition and Fees for the University as presented (see Appendix 1), with the further resolution of the Board to duly consider future funding which may be provided should a new state budget for FY2023-24 be adopted, along with related University support of students in light of such funding. Cookie Scott so moved, Shawn Smith seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for those present to participate in the graduate Commencement Ceremony.

## **Longwood university board of visitors to consider tuition and fees for 2023-2024 academic year**

The Longwood University Board of Visitors will meet at the Stallard Ballroom in Eason Hall at Longwood University on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 3 p.m. The Board is expected to take action on tuition and mandatory fees for the 2023-2024 academic year. Tuition and E&G fee increases of between 0 and 5 percent and auxiliary fee increases of between \$0 and \$12 per credit hour will be considered.

Revenue from any tuition and fee increase will support state-mandated faculty and staff compensation and benefit increases, as well as inflationary cost increases for materials and services.

The Board will accept public comment at the beginning of the meeting prior to any vote on tuition and fees. Anyone wishing to address the Board at the meeting on May 19 or provide written public comments may notify Kay Stokes in the Office of the President at [stokeskl@longwood.edu](mailto:stokeskl@longwood.edu). Comments submitted electronically will be provided to the Board of Visitors.