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Subject: Provost's Board of Visitors Follow-Up Message

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that each of you are doing well and staying healthy. My special best wishes go to those who are started their summer school classes yesterday.

Quite a few things have occurred since my email on May 14. I'd like to thank you for the responses you submitted to the Contingency Planning Task Force's request for information. We are sorting through the 1000+ responses that were received, and I appreciate how candid and thoughtful you were in your responses; while the submissions were anonymous, a number of you self-identified as being in Academic Affairs.

The JMU Board of Visitor's met virtually on Friday, May 15. One of their significant decisions was the anticipated approval of promotion and tenure. I'm so proud to recognize our 81 faculty members who were promoted and the 40 receiving tenure. This is a wonderful occasion, and a reminder of things worth celebrating. And we will celebrate in style as soon as we can all be together on campus.

The Board of Visitors voted to maintain the tuition for all students, including all undergraduates, graduate students, and in-state and out-of-state students, for the 2020-21 academic year. For undergraduate students, there will be an increase in the comprehensive fee and in the room and board fee. More details on the Board of Visitors meeting are available [online](#).

While there are still budget decisions to be made for the fall semester and beyond, this choice by our board addresses some of the funding uncertainties for which I, along with other members of the Senior Leadership Team, have been waiting. Moving forward, we have a more concrete platform on which to base future determinations affecting Academic Affairs and the university. I will continue to keep you informed as those decisions are made.

I'd like to reiterate that, based on what we know today, JMU plans to resume its on-campus, residential operations in the fall of 2020. Planning efforts are underway to ensure that when faculty, staff, and students return to campus, the university is being as proactive as possible to protect our community's health.

I hope that, whatever your summer holds, you and your families remain safe and healthy. I look forward to being with you again soon.

Sincerely,

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