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THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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**Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of April 24, 2020**

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, April 24, 2020 by electronic communication. Mrs. Maribeth Herod, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Battle, Mike

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Gadams, Frank

Grass, Jeff

Gray-Keeling, Matthew

Herod, Maribeth, Rector

Hutchinson, Lucy

Jankowski, Maria

Johnson, Deborah

Major, Lara, Vice Rector

Ragon, Maggie

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike

Welburn, Craig

Jones III, Norman, Student Representative to the Board, 2019-20

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Warden, Kathy

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alger, Jonathan, President

Coltman, Heather, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

King, Charles, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

Langridge, Nick, Vice President for University Advancement

Miller, Tim, Vice President for Student Affairs

Read, Caitlyn, University Spokesperson and Director of Communications

Piper, Mark, Speaker, Faculty Senate

Knight, Jack, University Counsel

The Rector thanked the faculty and staff for all their efforts dealing with the pandemic, recognizing all the aspects that had to be taken into consideration.

Jonathan Alger, President shared an overview of the specific efforts of the university response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Heather Coltman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, shared information on the work that faculty have done in transitioning to the remote learning experience. She shared examples of the experiences students are having in the “new” classroom.

Tim Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs, shared information on the ways that departments within Student Affairs and others across the university are working to stay in touch with our current students to provide support and encouragement.

Donna Harper, Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management, informed the board of our efforts in admitting prospective students and the changes in financial aid. She also shared the plans for the virtual conferring ceremony in Mayand the August commencement ceremonies.

Nick Langridge, Vice President for Advancement, expressed the need for new and creative means to support scholarships, especially for our returning students. He explained the national movement on May 5 for a Giving Day and the university’s intention to support the Madison for Keeps campaign. The Rector asked the board to consider making a donation to this campaign to make a statement that as a board they supported this endeavor.

Jeff Bourne, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, indicated the NCAA has appointed a committee to review the current situation to determine what will happen to fall sports at colleges and universities. The Colonial Athletic Association is looking at potential solutions to reduce costs in the coming year.

Brian Charette, Special Assistant to the President, informed the board that we added a fourth priority to the proposed Strategic Plan dealing with Covid-19.

Charlie King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, explained the impact on our contractual services, fixed costs, refunds and where potential savings have been recognized. He shared the current philosophy of state government regarding the 2019-20 state budget and concerns with the 2020-21 budget. Tuition and fees will be proposed at the May 15 meeting. Allocations approved by the General Assembly are on hold until the revenue forecast can be confirmed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

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Maribeth Herod, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary