In accordance with section §23.1-307 D. of the Code of Virginia, James Madison University is providing notice that the JMU Board of Visitors will consider tuition and mandatory fees for the 2019-20 academic year at their full board meeting on Friday, April 26, 2019.

For undergraduate students who are Virginia residents, the board will consider a tuition increase of between 0 and 4 percent. For undergraduate students who are not Virginia residents, the board will consider a tuition increase of between 2.1 and 4 percent. There are a number of cost factors that will determine the final tuition. These include:

- Maintaining the university’s 16:1 student to faculty ratio;
- Compensation increases for faculty and staff enacted in the recent state budget;
- Academic, student life and safety, and student services initiatives consistent with the university’s strategic plan; and
- Increased operational costs for new facilities.

The Board of Visitors will also set the comprehensive fee for all students at their April meeting. The board will consider an increase of between 3 and 4 percent for all students. The cost factors driving the proposed increase include faculty and staff compensation increases, staffing and operations, debt service, indirect costs and student services.

Pending the governor’s action on the state budget, the Board of Visitors may consider a resolution to hold in-state tuition at 2018-19 levels in exchange for an increase in general fund support from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Board of Visitors will hold a public hearing on tuition and fees on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 4 – 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Festival Conference and Student Center, 1301 Carrier Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22807. The public hearing will begin with an overview of tuition and fees and the cost factors associated with setting these rates each year. Students will then have an opportunity to share their comments or concerns with members of the Board of Visitors. Details on how to participate at the public hearing will be provided at a future time.