

AFFORDABILITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Finance Subcommittee was charged by the Rector of the Board of Visitors to recommend a strategy to improve affordability and predictability for low-income and middle-income Virginia students and their families; and

WHEREAS, reducing the financial burden of low-income and middle-income Virginia students and their families will advance the University's goals related to affordable access for qualified students and enrollment of a more diverse student body; and

WHEREAS, reducing the financial burden of low-income and middle-income Virginia students and their families, as the Commonwealth of Virginia has defined those terms, was made a policy priority by the Virginia General Assembly through the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011, also known as the "Top Jobs Act"; and

WHEREAS, all Virginia students, regardless of personal and family income, currently pay less in tuition than the cost of the education they receive at the University, and this will continue to be true after implementation of the tuition and financial aid actions provided in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Subcommittee recommends that the University enhance affordability by lessening reliance on loans in financial-aid packages for Virginia students, including reducing by \$10,000 the maximum need-based indebtedness that a Virginia student can incur over four years, while continuing to meet 100% of demonstrated financial need;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors approves a reduction in the maximum loan amount from \$14,000 to \$4,000 for low-income Virginia students, and from \$28,000 to \$18,000 for all other Virginia students demonstrating financial need; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board of Visitors approves step increases in Virginia undergraduate base tuition of \$1,000 in Fall 2015 and an additional \$1,000 in Fall 2016, with current Virginia students exempt from the step increases; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, for Virginia students who enroll in Fall 2015 or later, the University will offer the option of a four-year, fixed-price base tuition at a reasonable premium. This guarantee will be exclusive of fees and school-specific tuition

differentials. The implementation of this guarantee, including the determination of the pricing premium is delegated to the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, who will seek the concurrence of the Chair of the Finance Committee regarding the pricing premium.