



# JLARC STUDY OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN VIRGINIA

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Presentation by the Council of Presidents  
to the Senate Finance Education Subcommittee  
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## Review Process

- Finance officers met in December to review each of JLARC's recommendations and options and then worked with representatives from the Council of Presidents to:
  - Develop a collective position of all 4-year institutions on each recommendation
  - Identify items that have been and/or could be implemented quickly
  - Identify issues that should be explored further to assess impact of implementation and unintended consequences
- Committed to working with the General Assembly and others to find strategies that will focus on efficiency and effectiveness while maintaining high quality

## Overview of Recommendations

- Recommendations listed in order of reports (no recommendations in 1<sup>st</sup> report on trends in higher education)
- Includes the collective position for each recommendation and option
  - Impact of some recommendations may vary across institutions
- Support 17 of JLARC's 32 recommendations, many of which can be implemented in short-term
- Recommend further discussion and analysis of remaining recommendations and policy options in order to assess:
  - Ease or complexity of implementation
  - Impact on our diverse set of institutions, including unintended consequences

## JLARC Recommendations – Support

- Institutional review of organizational structures
- Implementing cooperative procurement
- Standardizing purchases of commonly-procured goods
- Standardizing student fee structure
- Updating and revising data, formulas, and processes:
  - Base adequacy model
  - Average faculty salaries
  - Maintenance reserve funding model and program
  - Capital prioritization process and funding

## JLARC Recommendations – Recommend Further Discussion

- Benchmarking discipline- level faculty salary averages
- Revising state's cost-share goal
- Revising allocation of VSFAP funds
- Imposing limit on tuition and fee increases
- Imposing cap on student fees
- Additional reporting requirements
  - State-funded research projects
  - Services and activities funded by student fees
  - Deferred maintenance plans
  - Metrics related to capital review process (capital spending, debt)
  - Metrics to assess facilities condition



QUESTIONS?

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