

Subject: Tuition Increase

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Today I will recommend to the Board of Visitors a \$250 tuition increase for full-time students next semester. (This is a \$21 tuition increase per credit hour.) There is broad support for a hike in tuition. The Student Government Association has voted in favor of a \$250 tuition increase. The faculty-led Budget Advisory Committee has recommended a \$250 tuition increase. The faculty has recommended a tuition increase and the Daily Press supports a tuition increase of \$300 or more.

, This increase falls in the middle of tuition increases implemented by the other state schools that range from \$170 to \$400. (See attachment 1.)


This \$250 increase in tuition will be insurance against any further reductions in programs and people. This action will generate \$1,177,000 in additional revenues. We have 1,000 students who have documented financial need and I suggest we use \$250,000 to hold them harmless.


Moreover, in April 2002, the Board approved a full-time tuition rate for undergraduate students enrolled in twelve to sixteen credit hours per semester. To minimize the financial hardship for students that are forced to take overloads next semester because of the elimination of the three academic departments, I recommend that the Board extend the full-time rate to our undergraduate students enrolled in twelve to eighteen credit hours in the spring 2003 semester only. This will reduce tuition revenues by \$35,000.

The balance of \$892,000 we will set aside to offset any further loss of state funding. This money will offset another 5% cut. We will not know the full extent of any further reductions until the General Assembly completes its work in early March. However, the state budget is out of balance by more than \$1.1 billion and now that the Governor has said that there will be no reductions in the funding of elementary and secondary education, it is inevitable that there will be another round of cuts for higher education.

Attachment 2 shows that after implementing this recommendation, CNU will maintain its competitive position relative to our sister institutions in terms of tuition and fees. \$219 separates the 6 schools that follow VMI and William & Mary in total costs.

I am very grateful to faculty and students for your understanding of the need to increase tuition to ensure that there are no more reductions in people and academic programs.

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**Mid-Year Tuition Increases
at Virginia's Four Year State Supported Institutions of Higher Education**

	Fall 2002 <u>Tuition</u>	Spring 2003 <u>Tuition</u>	\$ <u>Change</u>
W&M	1,255	1,655	400
VPI	1,522	1,922	400
UVA	1,691	2,076	385
LU	1,074	1,396	322
VCU	1,358	1,658	300
RU	877	1,127	250
CNU	1,029	1,279	250
MWC	1,325	1,545	220
UVA-Wise	1,028	1,228	201
VMI	1,562	1,762	200
VSU	890	1,090	200
GMU	1,488	1,680	192
ODU	1,190	1,370	180
JMU	845	1,015	170
NSU	814	814	0
Average	1,197	1,441	245

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