

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS

Amended Resolution of Commitment to the Commonwealth's Goals September 10, 2005

**(Amends Resolution Passed by the Board of Visitors on
June 16, 2005, in Charlottesville, VA)**

Whereas, the 2005 session of the General Assembly adopted, and the Governor signed legislation, that provides Longwood University and all other schools in the Commonwealth the opportunity to attain certain authority and autonomy to manage its academic and administrative affairs more efficiently and effectively through implementation of the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act, and

Whereas, as a condition of the granting of these authorities and autonomy, the University is required to commit to adopted Commonwealth goals as described in subdivisions B1 through B11 of §23-38.88, and listed below.

Therefore, the Rector and Visitors of Longwood University commit to the Governor and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia their best efforts to meet the state goals specified below and shall be responsible for ensuring that goals are met, in addition to such other responsibilities as may be prescribed by law:

- 1.** Consistent with its institutional mission, provide access to higher education for all citizens throughout the Commonwealth, including underrepresented populations, and, in accordance with anticipated demand analysis, meet enrollment projections and degree estimates as agreed upon with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia;
- 2.** Ensure that higher education remains affordable, regardless of individual or family income, and through a periodic assessment, determine the impact of tuition and fee levels net of financial aid on applications, enrollment, and student indebtedness incurred for the payment of tuition and fees;
- 3.** Offer a broad range of undergraduate and, where appropriate, graduate programs consistent with its mission and assess regularly the extent to which the institution's curricula and degree programs address the Commonwealth's need for sufficient graduates in particular shortage areas, including specific academic disciplines, professions, and geographic regions;
- 4.** Ensure that the institution's academic programs and course offerings maintain high academic standards, by undertaking a continuous review and improvement of academic programs, course availability, faculty productivity, and other relevant factors;

5. Improve student retention such that students progress from initial enrollment to a timely graduation, and that the number of degrees conferred increases as enrollment increases;
6. Consistent with its institutional mission, develop articulation agreements that have uniform application to all Virginia community colleges and meet appropriate general education and program requirements at the four-year institution, provide additional opportunities for associate degree graduates to be admitted and enrolled, and offer dual enrollment programs in cooperation with high schools;
7. Actively contribute to efforts to stimulate the economic development of the Commonwealth and the area in which the institution is located;
8. Consistent with its institutional mission, increase the level of externally funded research conducted at the institution and facilitate the transfer of technology from university research centers to private sector companies;
9. Work actively and cooperatively with elementary and secondary school administrators, teachers, and students in public schools and school divisions to improve student achievement, upgrade the knowledge and skills of teachers, and strengthen leadership skills of school administrators;
10. Prepare a six-year financial plan; and
11. Conduct the institution's business affairs in a manner that maximizes operational efficiencies and economies for the institution, contributes to maximum efficiencies and economies of state government as a whole, and meets the financial and administrative management standards as specified by the Governor and included in the appropriation act that is in effect, which shall include best practices for electronic procurement and leveraged purchasing, information technology, real estate portfolio management, and diversity of suppliers through fair and reasonable consideration of small, women-, and minority-owned business enterprises.

Be it therefore further resolved, that the Board of Visitors of Longwood University has approved this Amended Resolution in open session on September 10, 2005, in Farmville, Virginia.

Helen Warriner-Burke
Secretary