

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

July 23, 2025

3:00-4:15 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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- I. Call to order
- II. Debate on Resolution of the Faculty Senate of George Mason University in Support of a Fair, Independent, and Comprehensive Annual Review of President Gregory Washington:
- III. Adjournment

## **Resolution of the Faculty Senate of George Mason University in Support of a Fair, Independent, and Comprehensive Annual Review of President Gregory Washington**

**WHEREAS**, since assuming the presidency in 2020, Dr. Gregory Washington has led George Mason University to national prominence as a model of 21st-century public higher education — combining academic excellence, broad accessibility, and career-focused outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, George Mason University has achieved uninterrupted enrollment growth under his leadership — the first public university in the history of the Commonwealth to surpass 40,000 students — while maintaining a stable student-to-faculty ratio, graduation rates, and significantly increasing the academic credentials of incoming students; and

**WHEREAS**, President Washington has guided Mason to record-setting growth in state appropriations, increasing annual funding from \$190 million to \$366 million — the largest such increase in institutional history; and

**WHEREAS**, the university has also experienced unprecedented fundraising success during his tenure, with more than \$100 million raised annually and five of the six highest fundraising years in Mason history, including record industry support; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason has seen its most significant improvements in national rankings across multiple metrics, all while being consistently recognized as a leader in both campus free expression and inclusive excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, President Washington has overseen major institutional advancements, including the establishment of Virginia's first College of Public Health and School of Computing, hundreds of millions of dollars in partnered capital projects in Northern Virginia, the hiring of the state's first university Chief AI Officer, and a nationally acclaimed COVID-19 response; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason has strengthened its support for veterans and military-affiliated students — achieving the No. 1 national ranking by College Factual — and restored athletic distinction with five Atlantic 10 Championships, including key leadership hires; and

**WHEREAS**, George Mason University was recently recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as Virginia's only institution to earn dual distinction for both research excellence (R1) and social mobility — a designation shared by only 16 universities nationwide and only 5 of its size; and

**WHEREAS**, President Washington and the Board of Visitors have shown every indication of consistently and faithfully exercising compliance with evolving directives from federal and commonwealth authorities; and

**WHEREAS** evidence, truth, and due process should be the foundation for all decisions, not allegations that have not been fully investigated; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Faculty Senate of George Mason University, urge the George Mason University Board of Visitors to uphold their responsibility to our students and to the

Commonwealth of Virginia to be good and faithful stewards who promote strong independent governance and fiduciary responsibility on behalf of the taxpayers of Virginia; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on the George Mason University Board of Visitors to uphold freedom of speech, academic freedom, and due process rather than give in to political pressures to issue penalties before due process and proper investigations have been completed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we demand the Board of Visitors of George Mason University affirm its commitment to a fair, independent, transparent, and comprehensive annual review of President Gregory Washington based on the merits of his performance and not the politics of the moment.