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The Honorable Ralph Northam
Governor of Virginia
Post Office Box 1475
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The Honorable Stephen D. Newman
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Health
Senate of Virginia
Post Office Box 396
Pocahontas Building, Room E604
Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable R. Steven Landes
Chairman of the House Committee on Education
Virginia House of Delegates
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Dear Governor Northam, Chairman Newman and Chairman Landes:

In accordance with § 23.1-401.1(D) of the Code of Virginia, Virginia Tech provides this report regarding our compliance with § 23.1-401.1, entitled “Constitutionally protected speech; policies, materials, and reports; report,” as detailed herein.

In particular, Virginia Tech has developed and published materials and policies detailing constitutionally protected speech under the First Amendment on our new Speech on Campus website (www.policies.vt.edu/speechoncampus). This webpage also provides a reporting mechanism for any individual to report incidents of disruption of constitutionally protected speech on campus.

Virginia Tech students, faculty and staff, including those responsible for student discipline or education, are notified of these policy resources on an ongoing basis through various communication streams such as our Hokies on Track student orientation mobile app, distribution of a “Speech on Campus” brochure, University-wide news communication, and the above mentioned Speech on Campus webpage housed on the university policies website.

A copy of this report may also be found via the Speech on Campus website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kim O'Rourke'.


Kim O'Rourke, Vice President for Policy and Governance

cc: Timothy D. Sands, President
Elizabeth G. Hooper, Director of State Government Relations

**Certification of § 23.1-401.1. Constitutionally protected speech;
policies, materials, and reports; report**

I hereby acknowledge that Virginia Tech is in compliance with Section C:

“Each public institution of higher education shall develop materials on the policies established pursuant to subsection B and notify any employee who is responsible for the discipline or education of enrolled students of such materials.”



Kim O'Rourke
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