



January 17, 2019

The Honorable Ralph Northam  
Governor of Virginia  
Post Office Box 1475  
Richmond, Virginia 23518

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 23219

The Honorable R. Stephen Landes  
Chairman of the House Committee on Education  
Virginia House of Delegates  
Post Office Box 406  
Pocahontas Building, Room W1304  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor Northam, Chairman Newman and Chairman Landes:

This report is being submitted in compliance with § 23.1-401.1 (D) of the Code of Virginia. This letter/report details Old Dominion University's implementation of § 23.1-401.1 entitled Constitutionally protected speech; policies, materials, and reports; report." This report is also included on the ***Student Freedom of Speech and Activism*** website at <https://www.odu.edu/life/dean-students/free-speech> .

The following measures have been taken during the most recent reporting period ending December 1, 2018, to adhere to the above-referenced law:

- Establishing a website, (***Student Freedom of Speech and Activism***), which describes freedom of speech, refers to related policies and describes the means to report incidents, where freedom of speech has been disrupted.

Division of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services  
Office of the Vice President  
1029 Koch Hall, Norfolk, VA 23529 • Phone: 757/683-6702 • Fax: 757/683-6885 • <http://odu.edu/sees>

- **Emailing all students** to alert them about the University's commitment to uphold freedom of speech and related Virginia law.
- Providing those responsible for the discipline and education of students training and education regarding freedom of speech and related policy, through **University leadership, and department level retreats.**
- Educating and engaging student leadership to address related freedom of speech issues.

**In Response to Code of Virginia § 23.1-401.1 (D) 1**

For University policies as described in § 23.1-401.1 (B), please refer to the following websites:

- Gun & Weapon Regulation
- Board of Visitors Policy 1014 -Threat Assessment
- Board of Visitors Policy 1403 - Academic Freedom
- Board of Visitors Policy 1502 - Student Rights and Freedoms
- Board of Visitors Policy 1530- Code of Student Conduct
- University Policy 1005 -Discrimination Policy
- University Policy 3200 -Use of Facilities and Grounds
- Event Management Policies and Protocol
- University Policy 1700- University Demonstrations Policy
- Student Organization Handbook , (includes procedure for students for reserving space and planning events)
- Board of Visitors Policy 1011- Freedom of Expression

For access to materials on above policies as described in § 23.1-401.1 (C), please refer to the following websites.

- University Faculty Handbook <http://ww2.odu.edu/ao/facultyhandbook/facultyhandbook.pdf>.
- As previously stated, the ***Student Freedom of Speech and Activism*** Website at <https://www.odu.edu/life/dean-students/free-speech>, identifies related policies, as well as the Dean of Students as the point of contact for reporting incidents of disruption.

**In Response to Code of Virginia § 23.1-401.1 (D) 2**

Please find attached certification of compliance with § 23.1-401.1 (C).

**In Response to Code of Virginia § 23.1-401.1 (D) 3**

There have been no complaints filed to initiate a lawsuit against Old Dominion University or an employee of the institution, for an alleged violation of the First Amendment.

I appreciate your acceptance and review of this report. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 757-683-6702

Sincerely Yours,


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Traci Daniels". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Traci Daniels, Special Assistant to the Vice President  
Division of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services

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

I hereby acknowledge that Old Dominion University 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.”



Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt, Vice President

Division of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services

---

January 17, 2019