

Virginia Tech Faculty Senate

Constituent Report to the Board of Visitors

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Dear Board Members: Though I cannot presume to speak for all my faculty peers, I would like to offer you some personal observations based on my daily interaction with countless colleagues over 18 years at Virginia Tech:

- ✓ *With you, we are teammates in the business of human capital development, committed to the institution's mission of building knowledge that builds people;*
- ✓ *With you, we are inspired by the annual beauty and hope of young minds, committed to their service as role models connected to something larger than ourselves;*
- ✓ *With you, we are energized by the liberal pursuit of free inquiry, committed to the goal of enrichment of human virtues;*
- ✓ *With you, we are educators of the whole person, committed to integrating body, mind and soul in the classroom, workplace and athletic field;*
- ✓ *With you, we are partners in the enterprise of economic advancement, committed to tangible enhancement of the quality of our neighbors' lives;*
- ✓ *With you, we are vested stakeholders in the future of the Commonwealth, committed to the most fruitful use of taxpayers' resources, families' tuition and donors' gifts;*
- ✓ *With you, we are strengthened by diversity in thought and experience, committed to celebrating the academy's breadth and depth;*
- ✓ *With you, we are passionate voices dedicated to a cause, committed to reasoned debate tempered with humor and charity;*
- ✓ *With you, we are inheritors of a magnificent tradition, committed to fostering the ideals of wisdom, truth and justice;*
- ✓ *You are much more than distinguished Visitors to this boundless campus, for together we are sibling shipmates on a deep sea whose tides touch many shores.*

On behalf of our faculty, thank you.