

**Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
Resolution Affirming Administration Action Under Exigent Circumstances
CGPSP 2025-26B**

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Approval by Commission	Date
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Staff Senate Comment	Date
Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate Comment	Date
Graduate and Professional Student Senate Comment	Date
Undergraduate Student Senate Comment	Date
First Reading, University Council	Date
Approved, University Council	Date
Approved, President	Date
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WHEREAS, legal and compliance risks arising from new federal regulatory requirements coupled with the Board of Visitors' DEI resolution passed on March 25, 2025, created an exigent circumstance requiring the university leadership to act quickly to eliminate or adjust a number of university programs and services, including some changes to academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech's "Principles of Shared Governance" incorporated in the University Council Constitution and Bylaws state, in part: ". . . [I]n the rare instances exigent circumstances require university leaders to act outside the structure of shared governance, they will explain the exigent circumstances and discuss the action or actions taken in open forums and in a timely manner. . ."; and

WHEREAS, to honor and fulfill those principles, President Sands informed University Council Cabinet of university action taken to repeal CGPSP 2017-18A Resolution to Incorporate an Inclusion and Diversity Education Component into Graduate Education and PPM 307 in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2025, University Council Cabinet approved a motion to affirm the administration's decision to repeal CGPSP 2017-18A and PPM 307, and the Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies and Faculty Senate recommend that University Council do the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that University Council affirms the administration's decision to repeal CGPSP 2017-18A Resolution to Incorporate an Inclusion and Diversity Education Component into Graduate Education and PPM 307 in their entirety.