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**Norris, B. J.** <bjnorris@vt.edu>  
To: "ablutstein@ntknetwork.com" <ablutstein@ntknetwork.com>  
Cc: FOIA <FOIA@vt.edu>

Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 6:01 PM

Mr. Blutstein,

Attached are the emails you requested. Please note a limited number of emails determined to be "working papers" as defined in section 2.2-3705.7(2) have been withheld.

Regards,

BJ Norris

*(Ms)* Bobbie Jean Norris

FOIA Officer - Virginia Tech

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Blacksburg, VA 24061

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From: "Hooper, Elizabeth" <ehooper@vt.edu>  
To: "Yianilos, Christopher" <chrisyianilos@vt.edu>, "Owczarski, Mark" <maowczar@vt.edu>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2019 20:16:28 +0000  
Subject: RE: Virginia Tech and Northam

Just sent it to you.

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**From:** Yianilos, Christopher <chrisyianilos@vt.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 3:16 PM  
**To:** Owczarski, Mark <maowczar@vt.edu>  
**Cc:** Hooper, Elizabeth <ehooper@vt.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Virginia Tech and Northam

Do you all have Rowe's statement?

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**From:** Owczarski, Mark <maowczar@vt.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Sands, Timothy <sands@vt.edu>  
**Cc:** Yianilos, Christopher <chrisyianilos@vt.edu>; Hooper, Elizabeth <ehooper@vt.edu>; Vosburgh, Tracy <tracyv@vt.edu>  
**Subject:** FW: Virginia Tech and Northam

All—

The inquiry below from the Chronicle of Higher Education if for your information only.

Shortly, I will respond with the following:

“President Sands has not issued a statement on this. If that were to change, I will let you know that a statement has been made.”

Mark Owczarski  
Assistant Vice President for University Relations  
Virginia Tech  
315 Burruss Hall (0229)  
800 Drillfield Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24061  
540-231-5396  
[maowczar@vt.edu](mailto:maowczar@vt.edu)



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**From:** "Vosburgh, Tracy" <[tracyv@vt.edu](mailto:tracyv@vt.edu)>  
**Date:** Monday, February 4, 2019 at 12:15 PM  
**To:** Lindsay Ellis <[lindsay.ellis@chronicle.com](mailto:lindsay.ellis@chronicle.com)>, "Owczarski, Mark" <[maowczar@vt.edu](mailto:maowczar@vt.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Virginia Tech and Northam

Hello Lindsey,

I have copied Mark who is in campus today. We do not have a statement at this time but Mark is your best contact for this so he can confirm.

Tracy

Tracy Vosburgh

Virginia Tech

Sr AVP University Relations | Advancement

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On Feb 4, 2019, at 10:57 AM, Lindsay Ellis <[lindsay.ellis@chronicle.com](mailto:lindsay.ellis@chronicle.com)> wrote:

Hi Tracy – hope you're well. I saw that Jim Ryan at UVA and Katherine Rowe at W&M weighed in on the Northam fallout. Should we expect anything from Timothy Sands?

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Lindsay Ellis

The Chronicle of Higher Education

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To: "Hooper, Elizabeth" <ehooper@vt.edu>  
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Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2019 20:16:20 +0000  
Subject:  
From W&M:Dear William & Mary Community,

On Friday, like others in our community, I was appalled and saddened by the revelation of the racist image on Governor Ralph Northam's medical-school yearbook page. The behavior depicted in that photo is a painful reminder of the hate, divisiveness and racism that so many in this country have sought for generations to overcome.

That behavior has no place in civil society – not 35 years ago, not today. It stands in stark opposition to William & Mary's core values of equity and inclusion, which sustain our mission of learning, teaching, and research. Recognizing how much work remains to be done to advance these values, in support of our mission, these images must renew our sense of urgency. At William & Mary, the path forward requires sustained dialogues about what counts as respectful and appropriate behavior in a vibrantly diverse community, especially with regard to the legacy and persistence of racism in this country.

In my seven months as William & Mary's president, Governor Northam has been a welcoming ambassador for the Commonwealth. He officiated at my swearing-in ceremony in July and was scheduled to participate in the upcoming Charter Day and inauguration ceremony. However, under the circumstances, it has become clear that the Governor's presence would fundamentally disrupt the sense of campus unity we aspire to and hope for with this event. We have conferred with the governor's office, and he will not be part of Friday's program.

My thoughts are with the leaders of our Commonwealth as they seek the best path forward to rebuild trust. My focus, however, is on the William & Mary community: on reckoning with our own history with humility and dedication, and on joining you in the continuing work of ensuring our university community is welcoming and respectful of all.

– Katherine A. Rowe  
President, William & Mary

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2019 01:04:36 +0000  
Subject: Fwd: Editorial: Northam must resign  
FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** RTD Alert <breakingnews@email.richmond.com>  
**Date:** February 1, 2019 at 7:48:43 PM EST  
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**Subject:** Editorial: Northam must resign  
**Reply-To:** Richmond Times-Dispatch <[no-reply@richmond.com](mailto:no-reply@richmond.com)>

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Gov. Ralph Northam has served his nation and commonwealth with admirable distinction and dedication. So it gives us no pleasure to see his ...



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Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam: 'I am deeply sorry for the decision I made'

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Cc:  
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Date: Fri, 1 Feb 2019 23:17:28 +0000  
Subject: Fwd: Governor Northam Statement on Offensive Photo  
FYI

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VPI & SU - Virginia Tech  
804-305-3146

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Press, Governor Northam" <[press@GOVERNOR.VIRGINIA.GOV](mailto:press@GOVERNOR.VIRGINIA.GOV)>  
**Date:** February 1, 2019 at 6:09:50 PM EST  
**To:** <[GOV-OFFICIALS@LISTSERV.COV.VIRGINIA.GOV](mailto:GOV-OFFICIALS@LISTSERV.COV.VIRGINIA.GOV)>  
**Subject:** Governor Northam Statement on Offensive Photo  
**Reply-To:** "Press, Governor Northam" <[press@GOVERNOR.VIRGINIA.GOV](mailto:press@GOVERNOR.VIRGINIA.GOV)>



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of Governor Ralph S. Northam*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: February 1, 2019

**Office of the Governor**  
Contact: Alena Yarmosky  
Email: [Alena.Yarmosky@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Alena.Yarmosky@governor.virginia.gov)

**Governor Northam Statement on Offensive Photo**

**RICHMOND**—Governor Ralph Northam released the following statement today:

“Earlier today, a website published a photograph of me from my 1984 medical school yearbook in a costume that is clearly racist and offensive.

“I am deeply sorry for the decision I made to appear as I did in this photo and for the hurt that decision caused then and now.

“This behavior is not in keeping with who I am today and the values I have fought for throughout my career in the military, in medicine, and in public service. But I want to be clear, I understand how this decision shakes Virginians’ faith in that commitment.

“I recognize that it will take time and serious effort to heal the damage this conduct has caused. I am ready to do that important work. The first step is to offer my sincerest apology and to state my absolute commitment to living up to the expectations Virginians set for me when they elected me to be their Governor.”

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From: "Hooper, Elizabeth" <ehooper@vt.edu>  
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Cc: "Gess, Mark" <mgess@vt.edu>  
Bcc:  
Date: Fri, 1 Feb 2019 23:02:22 +0000  
Subject: Re: Update  
Folks are all over the place. Not sure what he will do.

Elizabeth G. Hooper, MPA  
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804-305-3146

> On Feb 1, 2019, at 6:00 PM, Heidbreder, Kay <heidbred@vt.edu> wrote:

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> Outstanding. Thanks for the update.

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> What's the mood in Richmond with the Northam story?

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>> On Feb 1, 2019, at 5:58 PM, Hooper, Elizabeth <ehooper@vt.edu> wrote:

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>> HB1667 (statute of limitations/capital) was defeated in the House Appropriations Committee today for failure of a lack of motion. The senate version will pass out of the Senate but should meet the same demise once the bill gets in the House.

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>> Thanks.

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>> Elizabeth G. Hooper, MPA

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