



April 30, 2009

To the CLAHS Community:

*In light of the recent public commentaries on Virginia Tech's commitment to creating and sustaining an inclusive campus climate, members of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Diversity Committee wish to endorse Dean Sue Ott Rowlands' recent statement to our faculty, staff, and students.*

*We honor the integrity of Virginia Tech's Principles of Community, affirmed by the Board of Visitors on March 14, 2005, and signed by eight university organizations. The Virginia Tech Principles of Community acknowledge that there are "aspects of our [institutional] legacy that reflect bias and exclusion," and that diversity in research, pedagogy, and service offers an opportunity to move our community forward as a competitive, world-class university.*

*In sum, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Diversity Committee affirms Virginia Tech's mission to increase the diversity of its faculty, staff, student body, and administration.*

Sincerely,

The College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Diversity Committee