



PRESIDENTIAL POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 286, Revision 1

To: Virginia Tech Faculty and Students
From: Timothy D. Sands
Date: May 2, 2022
Subject: Establishment of the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week and Revision to Rename as Principles of Community Week

Approved by the Commission Equal Opportunity & Diversity: January 18, 2022
Approved by University Council: May 2, 2022
Approved by the President: May 2, 2022
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University Council approved a resolution renaming Virginia Tech Strong Together Week to Principles of Community Week.

Following is the text of the initial resolution.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2005, the Board of Visitors approved and instituted the “Principles of Community” and directed the statement be distributed widely as an effort to improve the university climate; and

WHEREAS, the *principles* are fundamental to our on-going efforts to increase access and inclusion and create a community that nurtures learning and growth for all; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Together Initiative was developed by the Office for Inclusion and Diversity as a campus-wide effort to promote the values set forth in the Virginia Tech Principles of Community; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Together initiative comprises a variety of programming and promotional efforts designed to raise awareness and facilitate actions that reflect the values of the Principles of Community among students, faculty, and staff;

Following is the text of the subsequent resolution (revision 1).

WHEREAS, Strong Together Week was an opportunity for celebrating our Principles of Community and engaging with diverse alumni; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the first week after spring break was celebrated as Principles of Community Week; and

WHEREAS, All subsequent celebrations have been known as Principles of Community Week,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Presidential Policy Memorandum (PPM) 286 be updated to reflect that the week after spring break will hereafter be celebrated as Principles of Community Week and the name of the office be updated to the Office for Inclusion and Diversity.

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