

Transgender Policy

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Members of the BOV,

I will be praying that God's Wisdom will guide the BOV during tomorrow's meeting.

I posted a notice of the meeting on two VMI-related Facebook pages and encouraged people to watch the meeting and comment. Hopefully, the BOV will hear from many within the VMI community.

I believe the actual anatomy of the individual should be the determining factor in establishing the "gender marker." In my view, the current draft policy will create discrimination and disruption in barracks.

Barracks life is an essential element of the VMI Experience. Providing separate living quarters for transgender students will remove them from that experience and probably have a negative impact on the BR spirit.

Establishing a transgender policy is an important and difficult issue. Consideration must be given to State/Federal laws/guidelines. Maybe a review of the integration of females into the Corps can provide a "lessons learned" backdrop. I will end with the words of Max Lucado:

"You'll get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime don't be foolish or naïve. But don't despair either. With God's help you will get through this."

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPhone