

George Mason College of the University of Virginia

Fairfax

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The Rector and Visitors
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned faculty of George Mason College of the University of Virginia submit the following statement for your consideration.

We have for some time been convinced, and now feel it our duty to express the conviction, that the Director of our College, Dr. Robert H. Reid, is jeopardizing the welfare of the College. He does not have the respect and confidence of the faculty. He has alienated, with distressing results, large segments of the student body. The overall effect of his administration has been to cause unrest, apprehension, and an atmosphere hostile to intellectual activity.

We urge with all the earnestness at our command that the Rector appoint at once a committee to investigate this situation, which makes it difficult if not impossible to carry on our function as teachers. We firmly believe that if steps are not taken drastically to alter the existing situation, the College will soon lose by resignation the entirety of its senior and a substantial portion of its junior faculty. In our view there is no alternative to the immediate replacement of the present Director. This conclusion does not result from any one or two mistaken actions on his part; it rather reflects our judgment of his apparently unbreakable patterns of behaviour. It is based not merely on what he has done but on what he is, on the mistrust and dislike which he has inspired, and on his record of claiming false academic credentials.

It is our considered opinion, the gravity of which we fully realize, that he is professionally and temperamentally unfit to

preside over any institution of learning or to represent
the University of Virginia in any capacity.

Respectfully,

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