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POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 252

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SUBJECT: Representation of Virginia Tech by the Marching Virginians and Highty-Tighties

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Based upon an agreement reached among the Directors of both bands, the athletics department, Corps of Cadets, music department, and College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, the following protocol has been adopted.

Away Football Games- Regular Season

Beginning in 2009, following the release of the football schedule, representatives of the Marching Virginians, the Highty-Tighties, and the athletics department will meet. At that meeting, possible trips by the bands will be discussed. The Marching Virginians will select their trip(s) and the Highty-Tighties will have the choice of the away dates that are left, providing there is an availability of seats for them at the location. The costs of the seats will be the responsibility of the athletics department. The cost of the trip will be the responsibility of the Highty-Tighties.

Post-Season Football Games

The Marching Virginians remain the primary band to represent the university at post-season football games. In certain situations a military band, the Highty-Tighties, could be the more appropriate choice for representing Virginia Tech at a bowl game. When these situations occur, the athletics department will evaluate the event requirements; consider input from all concerned parties; and make the decision on which band will be offered the opportunity. The cost of the trip will be the responsibility of the athletics department unless otherwise agreed upon.

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Other Parades

The Highty-Tighties remain the primary band to represent the university at parades not related to bowl games. In certain situations, the Marching Virginians could be the appropriate choice to represent Virginia Tech at a parade. When these situations occur, the university central administration will evaluate the event requirements; consider input from all concerned parties; and make the decision on which band will be offered the opportunity. The cost of the trip will be the responsibility of the university and band unless otherwise agreed upon.

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