

(Item #04-011) Recommendation from the Minority and Diversity Affairs Committee to include sexual orientation in the non-discriminatory clause of VSU's Equal Opportunity Statement.

Current statement:

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Proposed modified statement:

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