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Dusty Harrington Case, October 2025

From: Donor Relations Office

To: Dean Patricia Keller

Subject: Fwd: Troubling online comments from faculty member

Patricia,

This was sent by one of our major donors on the Board of Visitors. He came across this CivicPulse discussion and recognized the user profile as Dr. Dusty Harrington. The faculty photo and departmental bio link make the connection explicit.

He is very concerned about the tone and accusations, particularly given the public nature of the comments. Please advise on next steps.

Best,

Angela Ruiz

Director, Donor Relations

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Attachment: CivicPulse Discussion Board Screenshot

Username: DrDustyH_PoliTheory (verified faculty contributor)

Date: October 25, 2025, 11:43 PM

Thread Title: The Cowards in Academia and the Blood on Their Hands

Every day I walk into a classroom filled with students who have been taught that "neutrality" is a virtue. They whisper about objectivity while a GENOCIDE unfolds in real time. They scroll, they nod, they move on, as if silence does not kill.

Let us stop pretending that universities are innocent. The grants, the partnerships, the "global research initiatives" are all tied to systems profiting from death. And when a faculty member dares to name it, they are told to tone it down or protect the brand. The brand of what? Complicity?

I have sat in meetings where deans rationalized the slaughter of civilians as a complex issue. That is not complexity, it is cowardice.

Academia has become a machine that launders conscience. It manufactures consent and calls it scholarship. Those of us who refuse to play along are painted as radicals, but history will remember who stood by while bodies piled up.

I am done with performative neutrality. Choose a side, or admit that you already have.