



May 1 Town Hall

College of Humanities and Sciences

Repositioning Discussion

Items to Discuss:

Provost's Recommendations from April 1 post

Steering Committee's Recommendations

Other Opportunities

Timeline

Questions



Provost Recommendations

- 1.) “A new school, focused on Biological and Environmental Sciences, will be created by bringing together VCU Life Sciences and the Department of Biology”
- 2.) “The VCU Department of Focused Inquiry will be relocated from University College to CHS.”

Timeline

SCHEV submission window in July

Implementation Fall '24 or January '25 depending on
SCHEV action

Provost Recommendations

“The College of Humanities and Sciences will remain intact and further conversation will occur in the months ahead about the most effective way to organize VCU’s largest academic unit to maximize the potential it holds for research leadership, innovative collaboration, and student success.”

Other Actions

Phase One

Collaboration between English and Languages (**not** a SCHEV action–January '25)

Combining of Mathematics and Statistics (SCHEV action–Fall '25)

Collaboration between History and Religious Studies* (**not** a SCHEV action–Fall '25)

Name change–Robertson School of Communication (Fall '24)

Other Actions/ Recommendations

Phase Two

- Explore other curricular/administrative collaborations within CHS around programs such as Anthropology and International Studies
- Explore opportunities for “convergence lab” model within CHS (e.g. Data Science Hub; Institute for Humanistic Inquiry in AI; Institute for Social Transformation)

Other Initiatives

Creation of Center for the Study of Global Religions and Spiritualities

Central participation in the new minors in AI

Creation of interdisciplinary and/or skill-based badges

Teaching across multiple departments (“Dean’s Professors”)

Guaranteed admission to 4+1

Dual enrollment agreements with VCCS institutions

Shift of class schedules | time frame

Online programs as appropriate and warranted

Questions | Comments



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