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.”

Note: yellow text is language from the Provost’s office blog
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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