

**RESOLUTION ON RENAMING THE B.A. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
TO RELIGION AND CULTURE**

WHEREAS, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences evaluated existing programs and realigned faculty and curricula within traditional departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies changed its name to the Department of Religion and Culture as a result of restructuring and realignment of programs; and,

WHEREAS, the current degree name of Interdisciplinary Studies does not represent the breadth of course work and the intersecting areas of Religion and the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, the revised degree name represents the requirements for all majors to study a breadth of cultural traditions represented in Religion and the Humanities; and,

WHEREAS, educational preparation of students in the degree represent the discipline's intersecting areas of Humanities, Appalachian Studies, Religion, and Judaic Studies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal to change the name of the existing Bachelor of Arts degree from "Interdisciplinary Studies" to "Religion and Culture" be approved and forwarded to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for approval effective for new admissions Fall 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the B.A. in "Interdisciplinary Studies" be renamed "Religion and Culture," effective Fall 2011.

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