

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2016-17B**

**Resolution for the Renaming of the Department of Science and Technology in Society to
the Department of Science, Technology, and Society**

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Approved by the President:	October 17, 2016
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WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology in Society was established in 2003;
and

WHEREAS, the Department is home to the graduate program in Science and Technology
Studies, the oldest Ph.D.-granting program in that field in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department plans to develop a new undergraduate degree, to be named
Science, Technology, and Society; and

WHEREAS, the name Science, Technology, and Society provides a more inclusive description
of the interdisciplinary work that makes up the field of STS, which examines the relationship of
science and technology to features of society, such as culture, politics, and policy; and

WHEREAS, STS undergraduate degree programs at our peer institutions are named Science,
Technology, and Society, and this is the nationally-recognized name for undergraduate
programs in the field, listed by the College Board; and

WHEREAS, the department's current name, Science and Technology in Society is not used by
any other department, graduate or undergraduate degree program, professional society, or
journal; and

WHEREAS, renaming the department to the Department of Science, Technology, and Society,
will provide a clear link to the undergraduate program and will be recognizable as the
departmental home of the undergraduate degree;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the name of the Department of Science and
Technology in Society be changed to the Department of Science, Technology, and Society, and
the change be forwarded to the President for approval and to the State Council of Higher
Education in Virginia (SCHEV) for notification.