

**SUMMARY**

**Degree and Academic Programs**

**November 8, 2021**

**Actions**

Attached: Materials prepared for approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Approve Establishment of School of Animal Sciences

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Approve Discontinuance of PhD in Educational Research and Evaluation

**For Information Purposes Only – no action required**

Attached: Letter from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) regarding approved department name

**Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine**

Department of Health Systems and Implementation Science

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above degree actions be approved.

November 8, 2021



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September 20, 2021

Dr. Cyril Clarke  
 Executive Vice President and Provost  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
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Dear Dr. Clarke:

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) has evaluated Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's (Virginia Tech) organizational-change proposal to rename the Department of Interprofessionalism to the Department of Health Systems and Implementation Science. As stipulated by the Code of Virginia, when such requests involve units at or above the departmental level and are made "solely for the purpose of internal management and the institution's curricular offerings remain constant, the Council shall approve the proposed change." SCHEV's Academic Affairs staff concurs with Virginia Tech's determination that this proposed change meets these criteria; as such, SCHEV staff may approve this request.

In accordance with Council's policy on organizational changes—and in concurrence with the June 8, 2021, approval by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors—SCHEV staff approves this academic reorganization as a "simple" organizational change. The State Council's records shall be amended to reflect:

*As of October 15, 2021, the Department of Interprofessionalism has been renamed the **Department of Health Systems and Implementation Science**. The Department has been re-named to reflect the "comprehensiveness of the academic programming offered by the department." The proposed name will afford the opportunity to have a "distinctly named department among Virginia Tech's SCHEV peer institutions" and indicate the faculty's expertise and areas of research. The new name will also align the department's name with that of similar departments at medical schools nationally and ensure the department is "recognized nationally for its curricular offerings in the third pillar of medical education, Health Systems Science."*

As a name change under SCHEV's organizational change policy, this action does not in itself entail or imply approval of any changes to academic departments or academic programs administered by the college. Based on the documents Virginia Tech submitted, our

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understanding is that, as an alteration for internal management purposes, this change will not involve modifications to the institutional mission, curricular offerings, or budget. Staff further understands that Virginia Tech is not proposing to initiate new degree programs or establish new off-campus sites as a result of this action.

Please contact Dr. Monica Osei, Associate Director for Academic Programs and Instructional Sites, at [MonicaOsei@schev.edu](mailto:MonicaOsei@schev.edu) or at (804) 225-2610 if you have questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph G. DeFilippo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

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Director of Academic Affairs and Planning