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RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies:
First Reading: December 10, 2012
Second Reading: February 11, 2013

Approved by University Council:
Approved by the President:

Effective: Spring 2013

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Interdisciplinary Studies originally grew out of the B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1996, as a way to provide degree support to the various majors in the newly formed Interdisciplinary Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program underwent substantial reorganization and realignment in 2008-2009, resulting in moving several majors encompassed by this degree program to various existing departments, and creating a new Department of Religion and Culture (consolidating religious studies, Judaic studies, humanities, and Appalachian studies); and

WHEREAS, the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies was the sole degree available to students in the Department of Religion and Culture until 2012, at which time the department successfully received approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) approval for a new B.A. in Religion and Culture; and

WHEREAS, the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies no longer serves the needs of students in the Department of Religion and Culture, or any other existing department on campus; and

WHEREAS, current students enrolled in the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies degree will be notified of its discontinuance and given five years to complete the degree, with no new students admitted after December 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies be approved for discontinued effective Fall term 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: That the above resolution to discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies be forwarded to the President and the Board of Visitors for approval and to the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for notification.