

**BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION FORM
FOR PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REQUIRING BOV AND SCHEV APPROVAL**

PROPOSAL TITLE:

Renaming of the Department of Theatre and Speech as the Department of Theatre and Performance

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

Action by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) is required for organizational changes at or above the level of the department. Prior to SCHEV submission, Board action is required.

APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE:

Academic Affairs

BRIEF NARRATIVE:

At its meeting on September 29, 2023, the William & Mary Board of Visitors approved a resolution to rename the Department of Theatre, Speech, and Dance as the Department of Theatre and Dance. Subsequently, when reviewing William & Mary's proposal to complete the desired renaming, staff in Academic Affairs & Planning at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) noted that the name of the department in SCHEV records was the Department of Theatre and Speech and determined that the university may not include the word Dance in the Department's name. This determination was made because the Department has no academic degree programs or certificate programs in Dance. Accordingly, the chair and faculty of the Department worked with the Assistant Dean for Educational Policy to identify an alternate name that SCHEV staff would approve. The group agreed upon the name "Department of Theatre and Performance." The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and SCHEV staff in Academic Affairs & Planning have indicated their agreement with this new name.

The proposed name change will not impact academic offerings in the department. No degree programs will relocate to the department as a result of the proposed name change. There will be no changes to the degree programs as a result of the proposed name change.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

This change is resource neutral.

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RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND SPEECH AS
THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 29, 2023, the William & Mary Board of Visitors approved the renaming of the Department of Theatre, Speech, and Dance as the Department of Theatre and Dance,

WHEREAS, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) has the name of the Department recorded as the Department of Theatre and Speech,

WHEREAS, staff in Academic Affairs & Planning at SCHEV have since determined that the Department may not include the word Dance in its name,

WHEREAS, the chair and faculty of the Department, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and staff in Academic Affairs & Planning at SCHEV have all agreed upon renaming the Department as the Department of Theatre and Performance, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the President and the Provost, the Board of Visitors approves the renaming of the Department of Theatre and Speech as the Department of Theatre and Performance.