

**WILLIAM & MARY
RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF
THEATRE, SPEECH, AND DANCE**

WHEREAS, in 1926, formal organization of the William & Mary Theatre and its academic classes began;

WHEREAS, the Department of Theatre and Speech was formed in 1963;

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Department reorganized as the Department of Theatre, Speech, and Dance;

WHEREAS, the university does not offer degree programs in Speech;

WHEREAS, in March 2022, an external program review recommended that the Department reorganize to become the Department of Theatre and Dance;

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the Faculty of the Department unanimously approved the recommendation of the external program review committee;

WHEREAS, no faculty positions will be lost as a result of the Department's renaming; and,

WHEREAS, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences concurs with the recommendation of the external program review and of the Faculty of the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the President and the Provost, the William & Mary Board of Visitors approves the renaming of the Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance as the Department of Theatre and Dance.