

WHEREAS the University's Path to Prominence has articulated a vision with primary initiatives focused on "Premier Graduate Education and Research," the "Initiative for the Planet," "The Global Initiative," and "The Engaged University," that are to be supported by expanded interdisciplinary collaboration and entrepreneurial efforts.

And

WHEREAS the Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies is an interdisciplinary department with strong ties to the social sciences, business, and design, and which is also deeply engaged with sustainability and international initiatives;

And

WHEREAS the Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies seeks to continue the excellence of its undergraduate programs in apparel design and fashion merchandising, strengthen its collaborations, and deepen its graduate education and research;

And

WHEREAS the College of Arts & Sciences strongly supports graduate education and research and includes a range of departments and strategic initiatives with which there are potential opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies;

And

WHEREAS the Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies seeks to further its global impact in the fashion industry and with its other stakeholders;

And

WHEREAS the Fashion and Apparel Studies faculty have unanimously voted to join the College of Arts & Sciences;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies will move administratively from the College of Education and Public Policy and become a dynamic and contributing member of the College of Arts & Sciences.