

**CENTER FOR
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
STUDIES
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- **Improve Our Work in Helping Students Graduate and with Reasonable Time to Degree**
- **Open Up a New Degree Pathway for Students Who Want a Rigorous Sandbox Environment with Intensive Coaching and Mentoring**
- **Re-evaluate Our Role and Market Position in Adult and Continuing Education**
- **Rebrand and Retool to Support Each of These Activities**

BE A BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT MEDIATOR IN DEGREE COMPLETION WORK

- Gather Students Earlier Via Richer, Reinvigorated Campus Relationships and a Better Internal Marketing Scheme
- Coaching and Mentoring Towards Richer Interdisciplinary Integration and More Distinctive Concentrations
- Better Articulation of T-Shaped Skills and Career Preparation

OPEN UP A NEW DEGREE PATHWAY – TRUE INTEGRATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM

- Convene and Sustain a Faculty Discussion and Advisory Group to Imagine and Build an Anchor Curriculum
- Sort out All the Moving Parts
 - Interdisciplinary Team Teaching
 - Computational Literacy
 - Design Literacy
 - T-Shaped Skills
 - Project Based Learning /Engaged Learning /Challenge Education

RE-EVALUATE AND REINVIGORATE OUR ROLE IN ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Working with the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning to evaluate our current readiness to serve this market
- Investigate New 2 yr Institution Transfer Agreements & Partnerships with industry Apprenticeships
- Clarify How to Maximize Our Position in the Marketplace – And Don't Chase Everything!

REBRAND AND RETOOL TO SUPPORT EACH OF THESE ACTIVITIES

- Work with the Provost, Deans, and Department Heads to Shape a Plan to Build a Temporary Faculty – as we move towards a moment where we can cluster hire and build a faculty cohort with identifiable scholarly coherence
- Proposed to the Provost and President that we Change the Name of the Center
 - Reynolds School of Individualized Studies

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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