

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA)
Resolution to Recommend Authorization of the Renaming and Service Expansion of the
Engagement Center for Creative Aging (ECCA)
Resolution COIA 2021-2022A

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WHEREAS, the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA) exists to study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures concerning the engagement of the university in service, outreach, and international affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Day Services Center has submitted a proposal to rename its existing departmental-level center as the Engagement Center for Creative Aging (ECCA) and expand services reporting to the Department of Human Development and Family Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the Office of the Vice President of Outreach and International Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Center will support Virginia Tech's global land-grant mission by improving the quality of life and human condition through outreach programs and services for families experiencing dementia, empowering adults all over the world to engage new information regarding aging and brain health, modeling advanced community-based aging services for regional, national, and global impact, and offering innovative and holistic programming and interventions relevant to an interdisciplinary student audience ; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Center will include providing programs and services in the New River Valley, related to aging, mild cognitive impairment, caregiver wellness, and adult day services; providing robust learning opportunities for students, caregivers, and professionals; collaborating with students and faculty across departments, colleges and universities to engage in innovative interdisciplinary research focusing on interventions and issues related to aging and dementia; and supporting caregivers and communities impacted by dementia through targeted virtual programs, social media presence, and the development of international relationships; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this name change and expansion of services by the Engagement Center for Creative Aging will increase its visibility and enable a broader impact resulting in stronger interdisciplinary collaborations, increased holistic scope of services, increased number of individuals served, development of new initiatives and increase competitiveness for external funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that COIA recommends authorization of the new name and expanded services of the current departmental-level Center to the Engagement Center for Creative Aging.