

**Resolution 2020-2021K**  
**Resolution for the Establishment of a School of Animal Sciences at Virginia Tech**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading:

Faculty Senate:

Staff Senate:

Graduate Student Assembly:

Student Government Association:

Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

Effective date: July 1, 2022

**WHEREAS**, bringing together the disciplines from the Department of Dairy Science and the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences into a single academic unit will increase the interdisciplinarity and impacts of teaching, research, and extension programs in the animal sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, faculty of the Department of Dairy Science and the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences are supportive of combining their respective program strengths and to partner across traditional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the college administration in collaboration with the two participating departments have proposed the establishment of a School of Animal Sciences within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, the faculty and department head of the two participating departments, as well as the college administration, have approved the proposal to establish a School of Animal Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, oversight and administration to integrate the disciplines within animal sciences and to increase interdisciplinarity can be accomplished effectively by the proposed School structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed School will increase the quality of undergraduate and graduate programs and the number of students completing degrees in animal sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed School supports the mission of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech to serve the Commonwealth, the nation, and global community through the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge and to prepare students for careers in the life sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed School will enhance the stature of Virginia Tech as an internationally recognized university for teaching, extension, and research scholarship in the animal sciences;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposal for the establishment of a School of Animal Sciences at Virginia Tech, housed within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, be approved and the proposal forwarded to the President, Board of Visitors, and State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) for approval.