



Academic Renewal – Spring 2023

A focus on the pillars (understand, build/create, heal, and conserve) as a framing device and on creating mechanisms to support the primary objectives of Academic Renewal: curricular innovation, faculty collaboration across colleges, and the development of new interdisciplinary programs

The spring phase of Academic Renewal is a time to distill and refine our ideas. In this phase, we will discuss how the pillars function as a framing device and how to create mechanisms to support Renewal's primary objectives: curricular innovation, faculty collaboration across colleges, and the development of new interdisciplinary programs. The spring phase begins with college meetings to consider the current state and the desired future state relative to these objectives. The ideas from those meetings will be summarized and then further considered in all-campus workshops in late January and early February. Following the workshops, the Provost will task working groups to refine the most promising ideas. The groups will share their work for feedback from campus in early March. The Provost will then determine which of the approaches to move forward and on what timeline. Throughout the process, the Provost will be in consultation with the deans, other academic officers, and governance leaders, and at each step, there will be feedback opportunities for members of the campus community.

The key questions for the spring phase of Academic Renewal:

- 1) How do the pillars function as a framing device?
- 2) What mechanisms are needed to support curricular innovation, faculty collaboration across colleges, and the development of new interdisciplinary programs?

Spring Phase Timeline

January 9-13, 2023

College meetings to consider the current state and the desired future state relative to Renewal's objectives

Week of January 23, 2023

Summary of the college meeting discussions will be available

January 31-February 2, 2023

Workshops to discuss the promising ideas emerging from the college meetings

Week of February 6, 2023

Working groups tasked to refine the most promising ideas

Week of March 6, 2023

Working groups share their work for campus-wide feedback

Early April 2023

Provost determines which ideas to move forward and on what timeline