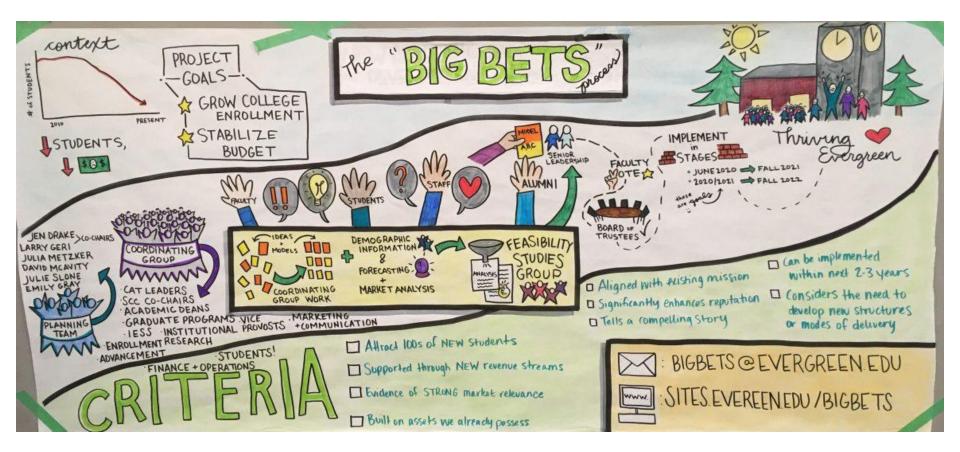
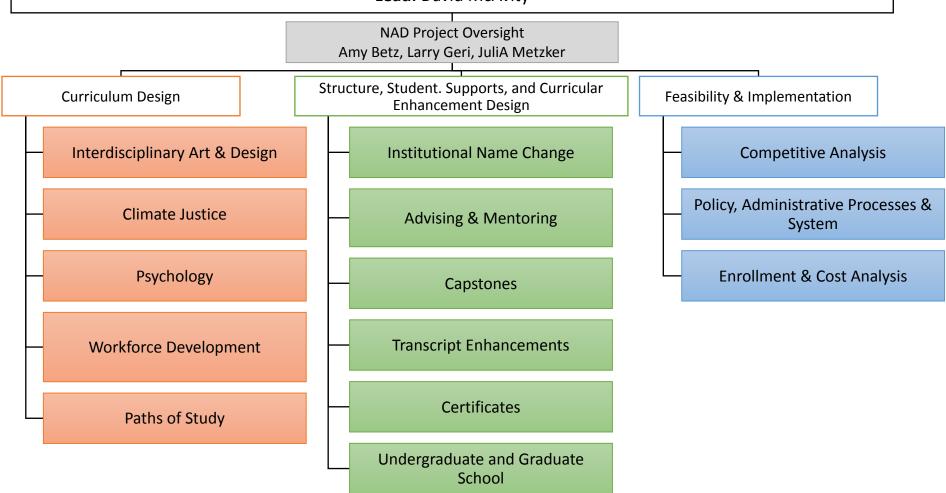
## **New Academic Directions**

Project Update 2020 Evergreen Fall Academic Retreat





Lead: David McAvity



## New Academic Directions Design & Success Criteria

- attract hundreds of students that are not currently choosing Evergreen
- able to be supported through **new revenue streams** (donors, grants, legislative appropriations)
- evidence of strong market relevance
- builds on assets we already possess
- aligns with existing mission
- significantly enhances our reputation
- allows us to tell a compelling story
- can be implemented within the next three years
- considers the need to develop new structures or modes of delivery (part-time, hybrid, online, low residency)

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# Implementation & Feasibility

Leads: Amy Betz & David McAvity

## Capstones

Leads: Stacey Davis & Steven Hendricks summer workgroup Hirsh Diamant, Emily Adams, Shaw Osha, Amy Cook, Ellen Shortt-Sanchez, Brian Walter, Grace Huerta A renewed emphasis on capstones across the curriculum, for all students, would

highlight Evergreen's student-centered strengths;

counter public misperceptions about a lack of rigor at the college;

help students fulfill college expectations to acquire "depth" and "take responsibility for their own learning,"

and could serve as a method to hone mentorship for all students.

Regularizing and making transparent capstone possibilities both inside and outside paths would further equity and inclusion for all students.

Our summer Capstone Work Group developed a set of short-term, medium-term and long-term goals for the development of such a college-wide capstone system: the first step would be for the Agenda Committee to charge a faculty LTC (including staff and student representatives) this academic year to develop a full proposal.

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### preliminary thought-experiment modeling report

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## Certificates

Leads: Amy Betz & Sue Feldman

# Holistic Advising

Leads: Andy Corn, Cholee Gladney & Therese Saliba

# **Curriculum: Climate Justice**

Leads: Kristina Ackley & Krishna Chowdary

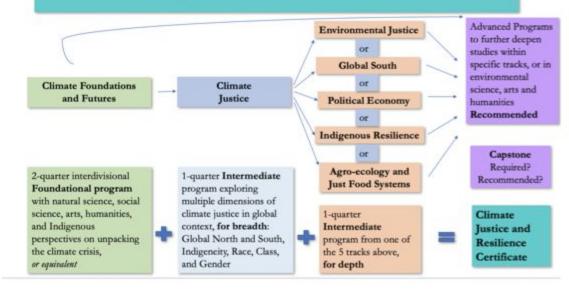
### CLIMATE CURRICULUM

### Impact Statement

\*Students will contribute to new collaborations and leadership and more just systems that can tackle the climate crisis, build a more regenerative and resilient future, and transform the world as we know it.

\*Students who understand that there are multiple, often competing visions for justice in general, and climate justice in particular, are better equipped to collaborate with others in the real world to work towards consensus-based solutions by working across significant differences in perspective and strategy.

### Climate Justice and Resilience Path



- Interdivisional foundation program (F/W) with arts, humanities, natural science/math, and social science.
- Springboard programs (S) that are designed for moving into intermediate/advanced work in the CJ Path or in other Paths (eg. Environmental Justice, Climate Justice, Environmental Science Foundations, etc.)
- Capstone program

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# Curriculum: Interdisciplinary Arts & Design

Leads: Julia Heineccius & Julie Russo

## Interdisciplinary Arts and Design

### design your education, change the world

Design principles are already embedded in Evergreen's mission, values, and innovative pedagogy. IAD would emphasize and enhance existing strengths:

- A landmark Indigenous Arts campus
- Extraordinary studios/labs and expert staff
- Faculty that innovate and collaborate across disciplinary boundaries
- Varied program and course schedules that allow for flexibility and depth
- Design thinking toward creative problem solving that supports the communities our current and future students come from

thematic links across campus interdisciplinary 12+4 model current Paths internships certificates community projects new hires and collaborations visiting artists/practitioners/curators anchor of donor funding art and media studios computing labs equipment Director co-curricular space targeted advising business/alumni connections



# Curriculum: Psychology

Leads (Interim): Stacey Davis & Elizabeth Williamson

### **PSYCHOLOGY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Drawing upon psychology, public health, anthropology, sociology, gender and community studies, coursework would focus on how systems, experiences and culture influence the vitality and ultimate resilience of people in our communities.

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Certain groups (including the LGBTQ community, people of color, immigrants, the poor) have been historically ill-served by traditional structures of mental and physical health.

This path gives students the tools to rectify such inequities.

### Feedback from Alumni Panel:

- Don't over-emphasize a fast-track to one particular Master's program. Lots of different careers need the interdisciplinary skills that this curriculum gives students.
- Evergreen is **so far ahead of the game** in terms of what employers are looking for: SEL(social-emotional learning) skills, collaboration, communication.
- The diversity and equity pieces are essential. Evergreen does a good job of giving students **an understanding of the lived experiences of diverse people**.
- Study of the history of the field is crucial for students to learn how to create better practices going forward.
- Employers want distributive leadership, collective decision-making, etc. That's what Evergreen does well -- seminar skills and the life skills of engaging human beings -- practices that require an environment of agency, in the context of centering oneself.
- Advanced **qualitative and quantitative research skill sets** are crucial. Evergreen graduates absolutely need these skill sets.

**Next Steps:** Welcome new faculty! Ask legislature for \$ for 3 additional hires in psychology; **Continue to develop** an exciting, robust path that both centers psychology and grounds the field in the larger interdisciplinary context.

# Workforce Development

Leads: Larry Geri, Kathleen Eamon Sue Feldman & Tina Kuckkahn-Miller

## Transcripts

## Leads: Karen Gaul & Lori Klatt

## (Re)Designing the Transcript as a Holistic Learning Record

### Barriers

- Too lengthy to decipher at a glance
- No clear summary of competencies, accomplishments, areas of emphasis on the existing cover sheet
- The existing cover sheet provides only credit equivalencies
- There is no GPA equivalent, even though many of our students will eventually need such a conversion
- Students do not have easy access to their own learning record.

### Options

- A clear cover sheet would include capstones, certificates, areas of emphasis, and learning achievements
- Separating the narrative summary of learning from the transcript
- Offering students options of GPA, or pass/fail or non–graded (but possibly with a GPA in a black box).
- Separate GPA from individual courses; based on demonstrating competencies in 6 expectations.

## Thank you

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