



WILLIAM & MARY
CHARTERED 1693

BOARD OF VISITORS RETREAT

August 3, 2020

PNR WORKING GROUP *UPDATE*

August

- Mission Imperatives presented to the Board
- Draft Principles posted for community feedback

August-Sept Board Meetings

- Principles of Naming and Renaming (after community feedback)
- Short list of new names to consider
- Short list of suggested buildings/places to rename
- Land Acknowledgement



PNR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Proposed “Mission Imperatives” for the W&M built environment

The campus landscape should teach

This idea represents a radical departure from the 100 year legacy of the 1920s Rockefeller aesthetic, which presents a simplified, romanticized vision of the past. Every Listening Session touched on and supported the idea that the campus landscape – the built environment, indoors and out – should contextualize fully and frankly, with words, stories, images, as appropriate.

The campus landscape should affirm and bear witness to complexity

Historical complexity and complexity in the present are essential to that witnessing and building names are a critical part. Sustained historical work is necessary for such narrative correction.

The campus landscape should promote fearless and level-headed self-examination of the history and present state of the university

We don't erase, we don't hide what's shameful and painful, and we try not to mythologize.