

To: CRSC

From: CRSC Subcommittee – SSW/CAHS

Date: May 1, 2009

RE: Potential Merger for SSW and CAHS

Attached is the final report of the Subcommittee. We have completed the task as outlined in the charge, laying out recommendations for the merger of CAHS and SSW into a new College.

It should be noted, however, that there may be other possible configurations that would preserve the current strength and rich history of the SSW, such as a new entity that includes units with similar social science orientations. Consistent with our charge, we did not explore in detail these possible options.

Both CAHS and SSW have structural deficits that must be addressed and will not be resolved by a merger. This subcommittee concurs with the previous findings of the CAHS/SSW exploratory group that there are no obvious economic efficiencies that would result from this merger.