Road to R1 – Update on University of the Future

• Welcome  Dr. Houshmand, President
• Health & Wellness Update  Scott Woodside, Director, Wellness Center
• State of the University  Dr. Houshmand
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- 23,000 students
- #88 public research university in the nation
- $36 million distributed to students in institutional scholarships and waivers
- $41.9 million in annual sponsored research and grants
- Academic offerings continue to climb: 90 bachelor’s degrees, 48 master’s, 2 professional/medical and 8 doctoral programs.
- Endowment is growing, state funding is holding
University of the Future

Driving toward R1 designation!
Exciting developments

• Rowan University School of Veterinary Medicine
• Rowan / Virtua Partnership
Rowan University School of Veterinary Medicine

- First school of veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey; only 32 in U.S.
- The school *plans to* welcome its first class of 60 students in fall of 2025.
- More information to come at the official announcement in January.
- Welcome to Dean Matthew Edson!
Rowan / Virtua Partnership

• We are creating a new academic health system that promises to further distinguish South Jersey as a regional hub for innovation, research and discovery in medicine.

• Virtua will take the place of Jefferson as SOM’s principal affiliate.

• The partnership will also lead to an expanded nursing school and a new school of translational biomedical engineering and sciences, among other benefits.

• Both institutions are committed to significant financial commitments to support the partnership, including: personnel, educational programs and a research facility.
Academic & Student Affairs

Dr. Tony Lowman, Provost

- State of Academic Affairs
- Sustainability catalysts (faculty hires)
- Expansion of SOM; second campus is at RCSJ - Gloucester
- Athletics successes!
Compliance

Melissa Wheatcroft, General Counsel

• Flexible workforce
• DEI scholarship
Facilities & Operations

Joe Campbell, Vice President for Facilities and Operations

- IRT updates
- Pricing models
- Student Center expansion
- Progress on Edelman Fossil Park Museum
- Time Sweeps, art sculpture
Student Center Expansion
Edelman Fossil Park Museum
Time Sweeps, art sculpture at Discovery Hall
Welcome!

Voki Pophristic  Dean, College of Science & Mathematics
Giuseppe Palmese   Dean, College of Engineering
Peter Rattigan  Dean, School of Nursing & Health Professions
Matthew Edson   Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine
Congratulations!

**Innovation Corps** — Rowan joins new “innovation hub” backed by $15M National Science Foundation grant.

**Center for Research and Education in Advanced Transportation Engineering Systems** — Army Corps of Engineers/Department of Defense awarded CREATES $5.2M for cold-region research.

**Virtual Reality Lab** — Army/Department of Defense awarded the VR Lab $2.4M to develop virtual environments for armored vehicles.

**Rowan's Sustainable Facilities Center** earned $6 million in state contracts to conduct water and energy audits on NJ's military buildings.
Questions?