

Discussion of the Final Report of the
Social Sciences Implementation
Committee

Two Major Recommendations

Public Policy Recommendation

The Committee considered two models for public policy:

1. A shared school of public policy sitting between the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Human Ecology.
2. A re-envisioning of CHE into a College of Public Policy

Their charge was to choose the model that would better elevate public policy at Cornell.

By a 6-to-4 vote they chose a re-envisioned CHE.

The Super Department Recommendation

The full committee voted nearly unanimously in favor of super-departments in each of these areas:

Economics

Psychology

Sociology

It believes that this reorganization will improve the social sciences over the next 10-15 years.

Three
Frame-the-Discussion
Reminders from the Report

1. What is Outside the Charge

It is important to note that our committee was asked to specifically focus on creating the strongest structure for policy but was not charged with deciding which of these paths would be better overall for the university to pursue.

2. Collateral Impact not Addressed

Importantly, it was beyond the mandate of the committee to address the collateral impacts any such organizational changes might have on the non-policy units and functions within CHE, though considering these effects was an inescapable part of our deliberations and a key part of our listening sessions.

3. The Next Step

The president, provost, and relevant college leadership will address such questions in the next phase of decision-making as they determine which recommendations are best for the university overall.

CHE Numbers

Unit	Faculty	RTE	Ugrads
Design and Environmental Analysis	14	5	77
Fiber Science and Apparel Design	13	5	100
Human Development	24	3	246
Nutritional Sciences	24	21	475
Policy Analysis and Management	29	12	238
	104	46	1136

Program	Grads
Cornell Institute for Public Affairs	161
Sloan Masters for Health Administration	60
eMHA	36
Other Masters	56
PhD	105