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Office of the President  
June 19, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT:  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Education's Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling, effective July 1, 2012.

Background: The current Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling has three distinct programs in early childhood, special education and rehabilitation counseling. Students completing the early childhood program often complain that the current department name does not reflect their major, making their terminal degree difficult to explain to employers and difficult to locate when searching the University's website for information. The proposed name change reflects each of the programs and the lifespan that is addressed in the department from birth through adulthood. While shorter names were considered, the faculty decided that the proposed name is more representative of the diversity of programs within the department.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the department; reviewed and endorsed by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Interim Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_