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Office of the President
December 17, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT:
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Health Services Management to Department of Health Management and Policy, in the College of Public Health, effective immediately.

Background: The College of Public Health has utilized the original departmental structure to grow and successfully achieve reaccreditation since its creation in 2004. As the College moves from a founding phase, it is appropriate to assess structure, build on strengths and forge new directions that are consistent with the changing environment of higher education and public health/healthcare administration education.

In 2012, as part of an internal environmental scan, the Task Force for Organizational Structure identified several potential issues for consideration. One of the issues related to the review of the departmental structure of other leading colleges of Public Health in the US, where health policy was a distinct area of focus. The Task Force recommended that a department within the College add the term “policy” to its title in recognition of the importance of health policy to public health education and research. The Task Force recommendation prompted the Department of Health Services Management faculty to consider formally incorporating the term “policy”.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty of the Department of Health Services Management, the College of Public Health Faculty Council and the Administrative Council; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____