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Office of the President
May 3, 2016

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 Behavior to the Department of Health, Behavior and Society, in the College of Public Health, effective July 1, 2016.

Background: The Department of Health Behavior is one of six departments in the College of Public Health. The evolving nature of theory and practice in public health has led to far less emphasis on changing the behavior of individuals and far more emphasis on changing the conditions of society that shape and limit the adoption of health protective behaviors. The concept of health behavior is being replaced with a more ecologically-oriented approach to changing the behaviors that foster or deter good health. The proposed name change is needed to better reflect the mission and expertise of the Department.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty of the Department of Health Behavior; 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 _____