Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT:  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice to Center for Interprofessional Health Education in the Office of the Provost, effective July 1, 2015.

Background: The Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice was established by the Board of Trustees on June 8, 2010.

The initial intent of the Center was to address a threefold mission. It was to provide interprofessional education for students in the health professions and related disciplines; to foster research on interprofessional health care delivery with a focus on team-based care; and to facilitate modification and improvement of practice patterns to increase the prevalence of team-based, interprofessional care.

In 2014 the Provost appointed a committee to review the Center and make recommendations. Perhaps the most fundamental finding of the Committee was that the Center was not addressing the last two elements of the mission and it was unreasonable to expect that it would. Research on interprofessional health care is more logically the purview of the Center for Health Systems Research and implementation of changes in the direction of team-based care is more reasonably the work of UK HealthCare. What the Center was doing effectively was addressing the first element of the mission; facilitating interprofessional education. The committee recommended that the mission should be limited to interprofessional education and the name be changed to reflect this reorientation of the mission.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken:  ☑ Approved  ☐ Disapproved  ☐ Other ______________________