

# ASACR 8

Office of the President  
April 29, 2022

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF EDUCATIONAL UNIT:  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, in the College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2022.

Background: The Department of Mechanical Engineering has been recently approved to add Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in Aerospace Engineering. Since the department will now offer two separate Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) accredited major undergraduate degree programs, the new name will better reflect offerings to students. All departments in the college with multiple major degree programs have such names reflecting multiple degrees. This is also common to other universities nationwide.

The name change will not impact the department's current structure, but will better reflect it.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the College of Engineering; 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.

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