

# ASACR 8

Office of the President  
February 20, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

MERGER OF TWO EDUCATIONAL UNITS:  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the merger of the Department of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Education and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, renaming the Department to the Department of Teaching and Learning, effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

Background: The College of Education has carefully evaluated their educational mission. Through this evaluation, they determined that merging the departments of STEM and Curriculum and Instruction will provide students with greater access to courses and learning experiences benefiting career paths, while increasing research and teaching collaboration among faculty members. The newly established department will foster the integration of STEM concepts across the curriculum for future educators, while enhancing operational efficiency and delivering cost savings to the College of Education administrative structure.

The proposed merger has been recommended to the Provost by the College of Education faculty given their expertise within their respective disciplines and reviewed by the Office of the Provost. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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