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**From:** Farrell III, Herman D  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2012 12:26 PM  
**To:** Brothers, Sheila C  
**Cc:** Debski, Elizabeth A; Ederington, Josh; Effgen, Susan K; Geddes, James; Jasper, Samuel J; Kilgore, Michael W; Larson, Susan; Lee, Brian D; Swanson, Hollie; Adolph, Patricia A; O'Hair, Mary J; Collins, Belva  
**Subject:** RE: New Cmte Item (SAOSC)\_Proposed Name Change for Dept of Special Ed & Rehab Cnslg  
**Attachments:** EDSRC Name change memo(1).docx

Dear Sheila,

The SAOSC convened this morning and voted 6-0 to endorse the proposal to change the name of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling. Susan Effgen, a member of the SAOSC, acted as facilitator of the proposal. In addition to the proposal, the committee considered the attached document (responses to guidelines/questions) in its deliberations. It should be included in the submission to the Senate Council.

Thank you.

Herman

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**From:** Brothers, Sheila C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012 3:56 PM  
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**Subject:** New Cmte Item (SAOSC)\_Proposed Name Change for Dept of Special Ed & Rehab Cnslg

Good afternoon, Herman. There is a new item ready for review by the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), to change the name of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling, within the College of Education. The proposal is attached here and can also be found at [http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/committees\\_councils/standing\\_committees/academic\\_organization\\_structure.htm](http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/committees_councils/standing_committees/academic_organization_structure.htm)

Belva Collins (dept chair) is your contact for this proposal.

This is tentatively scheduled to be reviewed by the Senate Council on Monday, April 30, and by the Senate on Monday, May 7. Therefore, I'll need the determination of your committee no later than Thursday, April 26.

As you know, mid-March is the cutoff for proposals to go to cmte. If you are able to review this during your next meeting, that would be wonderful. However, if there are questions or concerns that cannot be quickly resolved, this proposal will wait and be reviewed by the SAOSC in the fall.

If you have any questions or requests, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,  
Sheila



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March 23, 2012

Ms. Sheila Brothers  
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Dear Ms. Brothers:

Please find enclosed a department name change request from the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. They wish to change their name to the *Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling*. Making this change will not affect their current abbreviation. It will remain EDSRC. Also, this name change will not affect any of the program prefixes currently used for course offerings, names of degrees or majors within the department. Changing their name will promote clarity for each of the three distinct programs which will also be reflected in their transcripts when our students graduate and look for employment. It is our desire that this request can be processed fairly quickly. The enclosed letter explains in detail the rationale for making this request.

I support this request and recommend that the new name, *Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling*, be adopted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'MJ O'Hair'.

Mary John O'Hair  
Dean and Professor

Enclosure: Request for Department Name Change

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary John O'Hair, Dean,  
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FROM: Belva Collins, Chair, *BC*  
Department of Special Education and  
Rehabilitation Counseling

TOPIC: Request for Department Name Change

DATE: November 4, 2011

This memo is to request that the name of our department be changed from "Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling" to "Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling." Making this change will not affect the EDSRC abbreviation currently used for the department or the prefixes of IEC (Interdisciplinary Early Childhood), EDS (Special Education), or RC (Rehabilitation Counseling) currently used for courses offered across these three programs. Nor will it negatively affect the names of degrees or majors within the department.

There are several reasons for this request. First, the EDSRC has three distinct programs, and the title reflects each of them. Students completing the early childhood program often complain that the current department name does not reflect their major, making their terminal degree difficult to explain to employers and difficult to locate when searching UK's website for information. Second, the order of the courses reflects the lifespan that is addressed in our department, from birth through adulthood, in chronological order. Third, the EDSRC currently has a Ph.D. program with a doctorate in Special Education; paperwork is being completed to add an option in Rehabilitation Counseling. When that is completed, paperwork will be submitted to add an option in Early Childhood. The new department name will better reflect the three Ph.D. options.

To select the new name, I appointed a committee of faculty members representing each of the EDSRC programs to brainstorm a number of possible department names. They presented these to our faculty prior to our November meeting. At the faculty meeting held on November 1, 2011, the EDSRC faculty voted unanimously to recommend the proposed department name. While shorter names were considered, the faculty decided that the proposed name is most representative of the diversity of programs within our department.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [bcoll01@uky.edu](mailto:bcoll01@uky.edu) or 859-257-8591. Thank you for your consideration.