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**REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:  
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING, REHABILITATION AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT TO  
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Student Development to the Department of Rehabilitation and Counselor Education in the College of Education.

**Executive Summary:** The proposed name reflects the impending merger of the graduate programs in student affairs (development) with the new Higher Education and Student Affairs Program in the Department of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies in the College of Education. This request has been reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan priority to provide “educational excellence and impact.”

**Background:**

- ◇ Description of department. The Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation, and Student Development prepares students to facilitate human development across the life span and serve local, national, and international communities. These goals are achieved through the development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes appropriate for effective professional practice and for conducting and disseminating research.
- ◇ Comparable name at other institutions. Not many programs include rehabilitation and counselor education programs. The department name at other institutions uniquely describes the specific programs included in that department.
- ◇ Goals of proposed name changes. The proposed name will more accurately describe the programs, curriculum, and research interests in the department. The graduate programs in the department are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs and the Council on Rehabilitation Education. The proposed department name is consistent with the accrediting bodies’ requirement for names. It is anticipated that the proposed department name change will enhance recruitment and retention of students.
- ◇ Effect on students. There will be no program configuration changes as a result of the proposed department name change. Students will not be affected negatively. No program name changes are anticipated.
- ◇ Effect on resources. No new faculty, staff, or facilities will be required.
- ◇ Date of implementation. The proposed department name change will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents.