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**REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, COUNSELING, AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Postsecondary Education to the Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education in the College of Education.

**Executive Summary:** The proposed department name change reflects an alignment with the graduate programs offered. 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 pursue “educational excellence and impact.”

**Background:**

- ◇ **Description of department.** The department provides programs for future principals, superintendents, and postsecondary student affairs professionals. There are two graduate programs in the department – (1) the Educational Leadership Program prepares future principals and superintendents and awards an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership; and (2) the postsecondary education program offers a Master of Adult Education (M.A.E.) to individuals working on the non-academic side of higher education.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed name change.** The Counseling program transferred to the School of Applied Human Sciences in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in August 2010. Therefore, the current name of the department is not appropriate because it includes the name of a program which no longer exists in the department.
- ◇ **Comparable name at other institutions.** The proposed department name is consistent with other institutions, including Portland State University, University of Wisconsin, New York University, University of Wyoming, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- ◇ **Impact on program configuration.** The University has indicated that no program configuration changes will occur as a result of the proposed department name change.
- ◇ **Effect on students.** Students will not be adversely affected by the change. A department name which is aligned with the programs it offers will help students choose the right academic program for their intended career goals. Similarly, students who are interested in choosing the graduate program in counseling will be able to find its “home” more easily.
- ◇ **Effect on resources.** No new faculty, staff, or facilities will be required as a result of the proposed department name change.
- ◇ **Date of implementation.** The proposed department name change will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents and will be included on the University’s website and in the 2012-2014 University General Catalog.