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**REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:
FROM THE SCHOOL OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING TO SCHOOL OF PLANNING
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the School of Urban and Regional Planning to School of Planning and Public Affairs.

The Council of Provosts and Board office support approval of this request.

Background: Up until September 19, 2019, the School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP) offered one degree—a Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning. On that day, the Iowa Board of Regents authorized SURP to offer a second master's degree—a Master of Public Affairs (MPAff).

Reason for proposed change: The SURP faculty voted in favor of this recommendation at a faculty meeting on December 6, 2019 after hearing from about 200 current students and alumni of the School of Urban and Regional Planning. Alumni supported two alternatives—School of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and School of Planning and Public Affairs. The faculty chose the latter as a simpler, but accurate name for the school.

Effect on program configuration: There will be no changes in degree requirements, faculty appointments, or any other aspect of program configuration. The renaming will not affect program accreditation.

Effect on students: The name change will have no impact on current students. The two degrees will remain the same and retain the same names and requirements.

Effect on resources: The proposed change will not require any significant new resources. The only additional costs incurred will be for rebranding efforts, new brochures and signage.

Date of implementation: Upon approval by the Board of Regents.