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**REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:
MASTER OF ARTS AND Ph.D. PROGRAMS IN COUNSELING, REHABILITATION, AND
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT TO MASTER OF ARTS AND Ph.D. PROGRAMS IN
REHABILITATION AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the Master of Arts and Ph.D. Programs in Counseling, Rehabilitation, and Student Development to the Master of Arts and Ph.D. Programs in Rehabilitation and Counseling Education in the College of Education.

Executive Summary: The Board of Regents approved a name change for the Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation, and Student Development (Agenda Item 4l) in June 2010. The new name was meant to reflect the 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. The proposed program name change is meant to align the title of the graduate programs with the new name of the department. 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 programs.** Students working toward their M.A. or Ph.D. in this degree major receive preparation to facilitate human development across the life span of individuals, to advocate for their clients and students, and to serve local, national, and international communities. These goals are accomplished through the development and dissemination of knowledge, skills, and perspectives that facilitate professional practice and conducting and sharing research findings. Students may earn the M.A. or Ph.D. degree by focusing their studies in several tracks. The M.A. tracks include School Counseling or Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. The Ph.D. tracks include Counselor Education and Supervision or Rehabilitation Counselor Education. The track in student affairs originally under the current degree title was moved to another department in the College of Education.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed name change.** In addition to aligning the title of the graduate degrees with the new name of the department, the proposed name change also responds to the move of the student affairs track out of this department. The proposed name change will accurately describe the programs, curriculum, and research interests offered by the department.
- ◇ **Comparable name at other institutions.** While the proposed name is somewhat consistent with other institutions, the University of Iowa has indicated that not many institutions include both rehabilitation and counselor education programs. The department name and degree name at other institutions uniquely describe the specific programs offered in those institutions.

- ◇ Consistency with accreditation requirements. The department and graduate programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs and the Council on Rehabilitation Education. The proposed name change is consistent with the accrediting bodies' names requirement.
- ◇ Effect on program configuration. The proposed name change will not result in program configuration changes.
- ◇ Effect on students. Current students will have the option of completing their degree with the existing name or the proposed name without negative effect. New students will be admitted under the new program name listed in the 2012-2014 University of Iowa General Catalog.
- ◇ Effect on resources. No new faculty, staff, or facilities will be required as a result of the proposed name changes.
- ◇ Date of implementation. The proposed name changes will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents and will be included in the University's 2012-2014 General Catalog. However, the existing titles may still be chosen by current students without negative effect.