




VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

To: Chancellor Michael A. Wartell
 From: Vice Chancellor Susan B. Hannah 
 Subject: School-to-College Name Changes
 Date: February 28, 2005

Four academic schools on the IPFW campus are requesting that their names be changed from School to College, specifically the Schools of Arts and Sciences; Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science; Health Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts. Three of the schools would simply change from "School" to "College," while the School of Health Sciences would become the College of Health and Human Services. The rationale for these changes is similar among the units and recognizes that:

- The "College" designator is more appropriate for academic units that include a variety of specific discipline areas and degree levels. The term "School" is more commonly associated with academic units that include a single discipline or a set of related sub-disciplines. Three of the four academic units for which a name change is being proposed already offer associate through master's degrees, and Visual and Performing Arts is preparing a proposal which would extend their offerings to the graduate level.
- "College" is the predominant academic unit designator at IPFW's peer institutions for those units that include a variety of specific discipline areas. These peer institutions use the designator "College" for their arts and sciences units in 100% of the institutions, for their engineering and technology units in 91% of the institutions, for their health sciences units in 100% of the institutions, and for their visual and performing arts units in 67% of the institutions. "College" is also the predominant designator at a majority of the peer institutions identified by NCHEMS in the recent study prepared for the Government Efficiency Commission.

Proposal letters from each of the four Schools are enclosed. Each unit has consulted with students, faculty, alumni, and community advisory groups and has received strong support for changing the unit designator to "College." The consultations in Health Sciences included support for the name change to Health and Human Services.

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The School of Business and Management Sciences and the School of Education have also considered this change but have decided that the "School" designator is more appropriate for those units. The Divisions of Continuing Studies, Labor Studies, Organizational Leadership and Supervision, and Public and Environmental Affairs would be unaffected by the change to "College" being proposed for the four Schools.


cc: Jane Grant, Chair, IPFW Senate Executive Committee

Attachments



SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
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TO: Susan B. Hannah, VCAA

FROM: Marc J. Lipman, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences 

SUBJECT: Proposal to change name to the College of Arts and Sciences

DATE: 25 FEB 2005

The School of Arts and Sciences respectfully requests that it be allowed to change its official title to the College of Arts and Sciences effective 1 JUL 2005. Specifically we ask that this proposed name change request be presented for consideration at the next meeting of the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

This proposed change in name is advanced for consideration because the term “college” better reflects the academic diversity of our many undergraduate and graduate programs, and aligns with the designations of most of our peer institutions. Furthermore, the change in name is more consistent with the multiple mission of the Arts and Sciences, and is consistent with our intentions to increase our impact in discovery, learning, and engagement. Finally, a change in name to the College of Arts and Sciences is consistent with the recent renaming of units in the Purdue University System. The following considerations are offered in support of our proposal

- **“College” better reflects the comprehensive range of our academic programs.** We have fifteen departments in three broad academic areas, seven programs, three centers of excellence, and house CASA which contains the FYE. Prevailing thought is that a “school” typically is associated with a singular discipline, whereas a “college” more accurately conveys the notion of a unit which incorporates a number of different disciplines. We note that twelve of our thirteen peer institutions designate the Arts and Sciences as a College.

- **“College” better reflects our growing reputation.** Arts and Science faculty produce hundreds of refereed publications every year, hold offices in national organizations, edit international journals, secure grants, are invited to present at international conferences. We compete nationally to hire the best faculty at competitive salaries. Our undergraduates go to graduate school or get good jobs in their fields of study. Our graduate students are in demand.

This request has been carefully considered and input sought from our faculty, staff, alumni, and students. Students and alumni were unanimously in favor of the change. The faculty voted overwhelmingly to approve the proposed change, with over 94% of the faculty voting in favor of the change. Comments received from all stakeholders were almost all positive, with only a few individuals questioning the costs associated with the change. When the proposed name change was discussed in a school convocation prior to the written vote, all comments were positive and many reflected the view that it was more than appropriate.

We advance this request in the context of recognizing IPFW's maturation and rising reputation. Changing our name to the College of Arts and Sciences will acknowledge our continuing quest for excellence. We sincerely appreciate your support in moving this request forward to the Board of Trustees.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan B. Hannah, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

FROM: Gerard Volland, Dean

SUBJECT: Proposal to change name to College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science

DATE: February 21, 2005

The School of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science requests that its official title be changed to: the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science effective on July 1, 2005.

This change is requested because the designation as a 'college' better reflects the complementary, multidisciplinary academic disciplines within ETCS, and aligns with the designation used by most of our peer institutions, as designated in the strategic plan. A definition of 'College' is¹ "a part of a university offering a specialized group of courses," which aligns with the technical nature of the programs offered in the school. Eight baccalaureate programs within the school are currently accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, which states²: "In the United States, accreditation is used to assure quality in educational institutions and programs. Accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental process of peer review. It requires an educational institution or program to meet certain, defined standards or criteria". These ABET accredited technical programs have considerable technical commonality and differ in specialization which is consistent with the recommended name change. Table 1 shows the major unit designations and the ABET accredited baccalaureate programs at each peer institution to highlight the similarity of the school to similar units with the 'college' designation.

¹ Merriam-Webster Online at <http://www.m-w.com>

² Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. 111 Market Place Suite 1050, Baltimore MD 21202. http://www.abet.org/about_ac.html

Members of the ETCS Advocates Group, department chairpersons, faculty members, and students were consulted and expressed unanimous support for the proposed name change. In addition, the faculty body of the school, the Assembly of Representatives, voted to support the proposed name change. This proposed change is expected to increase the visibility and support the identity of ETCS in the community, to prospective students, in the media, on the Internet, and in correspondence.

Table 1: IPFW and Peer University Units and ABET Accredited Programs

University	Similar Unit Designations	ABET Accredited Baccalaureate Degrees Engr/ET/CS
IPFW	School of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science	2/5/1 = 8
Boise State Univ.	College of Applied Technology & College of Engineering	3/0/1 = 4
Cleveland State Univ.	College of Engineering	5/1/0 = 6
CUNY-Staten Island	The location is a "College" in the CUNY System so subdivisions are divisions or departments	1/1/1 = 3
Northern Kentucky Univ.	College of Professional Studies	0/2/1 = 3
Oakland Univ. (Michigan)	School of Engineering & Computer Science	6/0/1 = 7
Portland State Univ.	College of Engineering & Computer Science	4/0/1 = 5
Central Oklahoma Univ.	College of Mathematics and Science	0/0/0 = 0
Univ. of Nebraska (Omaha)	College of Information Science & Technology	0/4/2 = 6
Univ. of New Orleans	College of Engineering	4/0/1 = 5
Univ. of Texas (El Paso)	College of Engineering	6/0/1 = 7
Wichita State Univ.	College of Engineering	6/0/0 = 6
Wright State Univ.	College of Engineering & Computer Science	9/0/1 = 10
Youngstown Univ.	College of Engineering & Technology	6/6/0 = 12



SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Susan Hannah
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

FROM: Dr. Jim Jones *J. Jones*
Dean, School of Health Sciences

DATE: January 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Proposed name change of School of Health Sciences to the
College of Health and Human Services.

This Memorandum refers to the proposed name change of the School of Health Sciences. I have contacted multiple groups of individuals associated with the School to obtain their views concerning this change (Attachment 1). Their response strongly supports the name change to the College of Health and Human Services (Attachment 2).

Based on the results of this information, I request that your office makes the request to make the name change official.

Please let me know if you require any additional information concerning this request.

cc. Dr. Kathy O'Connell
Associate Dean, School of Health Sciences

ATTACHMENT 1

Dear Health Science Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and Friends,

I want to let you know about a proposal to change the name of the "School" of Health Sciences to the "College" of Health and Human Services at IPFW. I am especially interested in receiving your input on this proposal. The time-line is relatively short so if you could post your thoughts at the URL listed below by **Friday, January 14, 2005** (via returned email) would greatly be appreciated.

As you all know, the School of Health Sciences is relatively young having been in existence for only seventeen years. During our short seventeen year history the designation as the School of Health Sciences served us well. However, discussions and events internal and external to IPFW have caused us to seriously consider the opportunity to change our name to the College of Health and Human Services. Let me briefly note what some of these are.

This past year at Purdue the Schools of Engineering led the way in formally changing over to become the College of Engineering. Other schools at Purdue have successfully changed their respective names. These include the following: Schools of Science, Agriculture, Technology, Liberal Arts, and Consumer and Family Sciences (approved at the November 2004 Board of Trustees meeting). Additionally, here at IPFW, the following "Schools" are seeking a name change to "College": Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Fine and Performing Arts.

It might be said that the prevailing thought is that a "school" is typically associated with a more singular discipline (e.g., architecture, law, veterinary medicine, business, etc.) whereas a "college" more accurately conveys the notion of a unit which incorporates a number of different, but complementary disciplines. Further, if you consult your dictionary you will find that one of the first definitions noted for a "school" is: 1. an institution for the instruction of children...2. an institution for instruction in a skill or business" (American Heritage Dictionary). While most of us certainly work with children, I think we would all agree that our students cover the lifespan and that preparing health care providers and other professionals requires more than instruction in a skill. The dictionary defines "college" as: 1. a school of higher learning that grants a bachelor's degree,...a technical or professional school often associated with a university... From this perspective it might be argued that we really function more like a college rather than a school as we offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in a diverse array of professional disciplines that address learning and development across the lifespan.

From talking to some of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends I have heard the opinion expressed that the term college is viewed as better representing our considerable diversity and is viewed by many as being a more prestigious designation by those within and external to the university.

I would like to hear from you as to your thoughts on this important issue. As we are on a short time-line I would like to hear from you by **Friday, January 14, 2005. A returned email is preferred.** Thank you for taking the time to help us carefully consider this important proposal.

James E. Jones, D.M.D., Ph.D., Ed.D.
Dean and Professor

ATTACHMENT 2

RESULTS OF INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERING NAME CHANGE TO
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GROUP DESIGNATION	YES FOR NAME CHANGE	NO FOR NAME CHANGE
FULL-TIME FACULTY	11	0
PART-TIME FACULTY	1	0
STAFF	2	0
STUDENTS	75	8
ALUMNI	15	0
DEAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE	4	0
TOTAL	108	8



SCHOOL OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
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To: Susan B. Hannah, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
From: Benjamin C. Christy, Dean of Visual and Performing Arts
Re: School-to-College Name Change for IPFW School of Visual and Performing Arts

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The School of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) requests that it be authorized to change its official title to the College of Visual and Performing Arts, effective August 2005.

There is significant rationale and constituency support for such a change:

- The term "college" is more consistent with the naming of academic units at our peer institutions. The office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs has researched IPFW's peer institutions, including Boise State University, Cleveland State University, Northern Kentucky University, Oakland University, Portland State University, Central Oklahoma, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of New Orleans, University of Texas at El Paso, Wichita State University, Wright State University and Youngstown State University. All feature colleges rather than schools, except Oakland, whose only college is Arts & Sciences, and the College of Staten Island, City University of New York, which has only divisions.
- The term "college" better reflects the comprehensive, multidisciplinary range of academic programs offered in VPA, which includes the diverse fields of music, theatre, dance and art (fine arts and arts technology). The term "school" is typically associated with a more singular discipline, such as law or business.
- "School" is defined in the dictionary as an institution for the instruction of children; an institution for instruction in a skill or business (such as a cooking school). "College," on the other hand is generally interpreted as a more prestigious nomenclature, in our case one that reflects the university's growth, maturity, and distinction as a leading educational institution.
- VPA's constituencies have expressed significant support for the name change. Input was sought from current students, faculty, the VPA Alumni Council and the VPA Community Advisory Council. The VPA department chairs also discussed this matter with their faculty to ascertain their views. The VPA Faculty Affairs Committee and the VPA

Leadership Team unanimously approved the change in a joint meeting. Of 100 surveys administered in late December 2004 and early January 2005, 87.8% of the respondents supported the name change (students: 79.4%; faculty 100%; VPA alumni representatives: 100%; and VPA Community Advisory Council: 100%).

Finally, it is important to note that changing our name to recognize growth and diversity of programming is not new to VPA. We were previously known as the School of Fine and Performing Arts; and the Department of Fine Arts preceded the Department of Visual Arts, which contains the programs of Fine Arts and Visual Communication and Design.

Consistent with other IPFW Schools who are submitting a similar request, VPA seeks authorization for this name change, which reflects the academic stature and regional image of IPFW and the School. On behalf of VPA, I am delighted to forward this request to you.

BCC