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Subject: Application for Degree Name Change and New Ph.D. Degree Program in School Psychology

Attachments: Proposal for PhD_v5.doc

The Educational Psychology program faculty are requesting a name change for their Ph.D. degree from 'Educational Psychology' to 'Learning and Developmental Sciences'. The Educational Psychology degree program currently has tracks in Learning and in Development, as well as in Inquiry Methodology and in School Psychology. This year we added a track in Learning Sciences. (The Learning Sciences program has interim approval from the University Graduate School to function as a track within the Educational Psychology doctoral program, and is currently under review for full approval.) To accommodate this new track we seek to change the degree name from Educational Psychology to Learning and Developmental Sciences. This newly named degree program will have tracks in Learning Sciences, Educational Psychology, Development and Inquiry Methodology, but not in School Psychology (see below). Note that this proposed degree name change is to be contingent on approval of the request for a new Ph.D. degree program in School Psychology, below.

Attached is a proposal for a new Ph.D degree program in School Psychology. This will actually not be a "new" program since it has functioned as a specialization area in the Educational Psychology Ph.D. program for more that 40 years. What will be new is having a separate degree for School Psychology. The School Psychology program must keep the word 'psychology' in its degree name for purposes of accreditation by professional associations. Since we are hoping to change the Educational Psychology degree name to something without the word 'psychology' we will need a separate degree in School Psychology. It should be stressed that virtually no programmatic changes are proposed in this transition from being a track within Educational Psychology to being a separate degree program.

