January 31, 2014

TO: Stephen Schellenberg  
    Academic Policy and Planning Committee

FROM: Nancy A. Marlin  
      Provost

SUBJECT: Department Name Change

I received the attached request from the College of Education to change the name of the Department of Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education to Dual Language and English Learner Education. I approve this request.

C: Joseph F. Johnson, Jr., Interim Dean, College of Education  
   William Eadie, Chair, Senate
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2014

TO: Nancy Marlin, Provost

FROM: Joseph F. Johnson, Jr., Interim Dean

RE: College of Education department name change

Attached please find materials in support of the department name change from Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education (PLC) to Dual Language and English Learner Education (DLE).

I approve this change because the new name is more reflective of the work that this department undertakes, and better communicates the college’s goal of preparing educators to serve English Learners well.
Memorandum

To: Joe Johnson, Dean—College of Education
From: Cristina Alfaro—Chair, Department of Policy Studies
Re: Unit name change
Date: Monday, October 28, 2013

Dear Dean Johnson,

At our September 24, 2013 department meeting faculty finalized and approved the motion to change our unit name from Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education to Dual Language and English Learner Education—effective fall 2014.

Since this change will require a new prefix designation, from PLC to DLE, we will submit the appropriate paperwork to the College of Education Curriculum Committee for discussion and approval at the November 4, 2013 meeting.

The current name does not reflect the focus of the work and research our department has engaged and become a leader in, at both the local and state level, over the last decade. This is a momentous opportunity for our department to change its name to reflect the broader academic discipline covered in our courses and the wide range of jobs performed by our graduates including dual language classroom teachers, district curriculum resource teachers for dual language programs, dual language literacy coaches, and English Learner curriculum developers.

Dual language programs continue to grow, at a rapid pace, in popularity throughout San Diego County, statewide, and nationally. In California, over 50,000 students are enrolled in dual language programs and approximately half of the students enrolled are English Learners. In fact, English Learners currently represent over 10% of the student population in the U.S., over 21% in California, over 22% in San Diego County, and as high as 65% in the university’s client communities (www.EdSource.org, 2013). San Diego County alone has 85 dual language programs and growing. Needless to say the demand is great and the time is right for our department name to reflect what we do.

Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education better delineates the kind of work and research in which we and our students are professionally engaged. In addition, prospective students will more easily be able to determine the theories on which our field draws and thus make informed application and enrollment decisions. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about this request.

Respectfully,

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Approvals

Chair, College of Education Curriculum Committee

Dean, College of Education

see attached

Provost

Chair, Committee on Academic Policy And Planning

Chair, Academic Senate