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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal for the following name changes in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences will be an agenda item for the January 18, 2012, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Department name change from Child and Family Development to Human Development and Family Science

Major name change from Child and Family Development to Human Development and Family Science (B.S.F.C.S., M.S., M.S. Non-Thesis, Ph.D.)

Prefix name change from CHFD, Child and Family Development, to HDFFS, Human Development and Family Science

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead
Dr. Laura D. Jolly



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To: Dean Anne Sweaney, Provost Jere Morehead, and President Michael Adams
Re: Name change of Department of Child and Family Development *TO*
Department of Human Development and Family Science

The faculty in the Department of Child and Family Development request approval for changing this academic unit's name to Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS). On February 9, 2011 the faculty voted for this name change, after careful deliberation for a number of months.

- (1) Over a number of years, colleges of family and consumer sciences have moved to renaming those departments focused on the lifespan within the context of families. A recent national study of such departments (Hans, Smith, & Kimberly, annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, 2010) revealed that while there still is diversity in naming, the most common names are Human Development and Family Science and Human Development and Family Studies. Conversely, the least common departmental names are Child and Family Development, and Family and Child Development (nationwide only three departments use these names, including UGA).
- (2) The shift in the discipline is the result of providing additional clarity to this interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary academic unit. A primary and unique feature of our department is the scientific study of individual development within the context of family systems and dynamics; moreover, this developmental focus crosses the lifespan, and accounts for the multiple contexts that affect individuals, most principally the family.
- (3) The name change we request is well-aligned with the discipline. We are not requesting this change because it is common nationally but rather because it more accurately reflects the nature of our department, including our instruction, research and outreach activities.

(4) As far as we can tell, Human Development and Family Science is consistent with the administrative structure of UGA and the University System. We do know that HDFS is consistent with UGA's College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and with national norms.

(5) Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) clearly communicates the nature of this department both within and outside of UGA. As an example, I met recently with 20 academic advisors from Franklin College, a meeting centered on updating them on opportunities for undergraduate students. I told them we were requesting this name change and their immediate response was one of support because they feel it helps them to explain the nature of our department to prospective students. In short, HDFS is focused on the intersections of human developmental processes and family dynamics, and this revised department name is a most efficient way to communicate that. Because we are committed to the scientific study of families, employing the term "science" accurately reflects an important aspect of this academic unit.

(6) Prefixes are exactly matched to this new name, and will be HDFS (Human Development and Family Science).

I appreciate your consideration for this name change to **Human Development and Family Science**. I am available to provide additional information and clarifications as this request moves through the UGA system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay A. Mancini". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jay A. Mancini

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Department Name Changes:

Current Department Name: Child and Family Development
Proposed Department Name: Human Development and Family Science

Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name: Child and Family Development Degree Ph.D.

Proposed Major Name: Human Development and Family Science Degree Ph.D.

Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name: Child and Family Development Degree MS

Proposed Major Name: Human Development and Family Science Degree MS

Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name: Child and Family Development Degree MS-Non-Thesis

Proposed Major Name: Human Development and Family Science Degree MS-Non-Thesis

Prefix Changes:

A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.

Current Prefix	Current Department	Proposed Prefix	Proposed Department
CHFD	Child and Family Development	HDFS	Human Development and Family Science

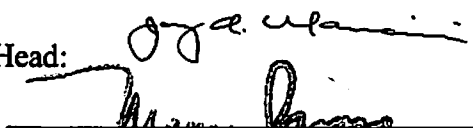
JUSTIFICATION: Attach a page justifying changes.

SIGNATURES:

School/College: College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dean: 

Department: Child and Family Development

Head: 
Dean, Graduate School

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College

Name: _____

Proposed

Name: _____

Department Name Changes:

Current Department Name:
Child and Family Development

Proposed Department Name:
Human Development and Family Science

Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name: Child and Family Development Degree BSFCS

Proposed Major Name: Human Development and Family Science Degree BSFCS

Minor Name Change:

Current Minor Name: Child and Family Development Degree

Proposed Minor Name: Human Development and Family Science Degree

Prefix Changes:

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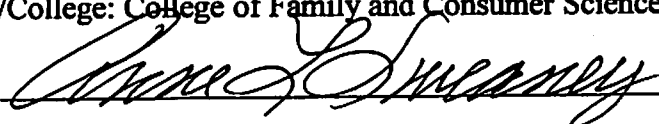
Current		Proposed	
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CHFD Child and Family Development HDFS Human Development and Family Science

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