MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert S. Gold  
    Dean, School of Public Health

FROM: Phyllis Peres  
    Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to rename the M.S. in Family Studies as the M.S. in Family Science  
          (PCC log no. 07027)

On April 1, Chancellor Kirwan gave final approval to your proposal to rename the M.S. in Family Studies as the M.S. in Family Science. The Maryland Higher Education Commission acknowledged this approval on May 27. Copies of their approval letters and the proposal document are attached.

The approval is effective Fall 2008. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

CWR/

Enclosures

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee  
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid  
    Reka Montfort, University Senate  
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration  
    Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning  
    Anne Turkos, Archives  
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar  
    Charles Caramello, Graduate School  
    Sally Koblinsky, Family Science
May 27, 2008

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President
University of Maryland, College Park
Main Administration Building
College Park, Maryland 20742

Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from University of Maryland to rename the Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in Family Studies to Family Science. On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, I am pleased to inform you that this request has been administratively approved. The HEGIS and CIP codes will not change. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals and the Code of Maryland Regulations.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

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Should the programs require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

JEL:GWR:jmc

cc: Ms. Theresa W. Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM
April 1, 2008

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
1101 Main Administration Building
University of Maryland, College Park
College Park, MD 20742

Dear Dan:

Thank you for forwarding the request of the University of Maryland, College Park, School of Public Health, to change the names of the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D., degrees in Family Studies to the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Family Science. I am delighted to approve this change. Please express my appreciation to departmental faculty for their careful work in planning for this change.

Sincerely,

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc: Irwin Goldstein, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Nariman Farvardin, Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Robert Gold, Dean, School of Public Health
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED 10/16/07

COLLEGE/SCHOOL School of Public Health

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM Family Science

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD____ DELETE_____ CHANGE____ X____

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Change the name of the Master of Science program in Family Studies to the Master of Science in Family Science.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

The proposed name change more accurately reflects the nature of the program and is consistent with the nomenclature of other top academic departments, major disciplinary associations, and federal government programs in family science, as well as the new name of our department. There are no costs associated with the name change.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair Leigh A. Leslie 10/31/07
2. Department Chair Sally A. Kobrasky 01/31/07
3. College/School PCC Chair Leigh A. Leslie 10/31/07
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) 11/6/07
6. Chair, Senate PCC Chyllis Rhee 3/6/08
7. Chair of Senate 3/6/08
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost Chyllis Rhee 6/24/08

VPAAP 8-05
Name Change to Master of Science in Family Science

The Department of Family Science currently has a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Family Studies with two tracks: a 30-credit family studies track and a 48-51 credit marriage and family therapy track (48 credits for project option, 51 credits for thesis option). The Department is now seeking to separate the two Master’s tracks by offering a 30-credit Master of Science in Family Science and a new Master of Science in Couple and Family Therapy (see separate proposal). Currently, the 30-credit M.S. in Family Studies is completed by a small number of outstanding students who are admitted directly into the Department’s doctoral program with a bachelor’s degree. These students are required to obtain the Master’s degree in route to the Ph.D. degree.

We are now requesting to change the name of the M.S. in Family Studies to the M.S. in Family Science. The Department of Family Studies (FMST) was renamed the Department of Family Science (FMSC) in Spring 2007. The new name, Family Science, reflects the Department’s emphasis on scientific research aimed at helping families improve their health, financial security, and quality of life. With the transformation of the College of Health and Human Performance to a School of Public Health, it is also important to emphasize the centrality of scientific research to our discipline.

There are three major reasons for this request to change the name of the M.S. in Family Studies to a M.S. in Family Science. First, the proposed name change is consistent with current directions within our discipline to focus on family science in the nomenclature of academic departments, major disciplinary associations, and federal government programs in family science. Almost all similar departments in other institutions, particularly Land Grant institutions with strong programs, offer degrees in Family Science. The Chronicle of Higher Education also lists faculty positions within the family discipline under the category of “family sciences.” Second, the proposed name change clarifies the program’s academic focus on scientific research, evaluation, and evidence-based practice aimed at improving family well-being. Third, renaming the graduate program will make the M.S. degree consistent with the name of our department.

There will be no costs associated with this name change.