June 24, 2008

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 Ph.D. in Family Studies as the Ph.D. in Family Science (PCC log no. 07028)

On April 1, Chancellor Kirwan gave final approval to your proposal to rename the Ph.D. in Family Studies as the Ph.D. 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
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 Ph.D. program in Family Studies to the Ph.D. 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  10/19/07
2. Department Chair  Sally A. Koblinsky  10/19/07
3. College/School PCC Chair  Leigh A. Leslie  10/19/07
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  3/10/08
6. Chair, Senate PCC  Phyllis Perez  3/10/08
7. Chair of Senate  6/2/08
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  Phyllis Perez  6/24/08

VPAAP 8-05
Name Change to Ph.D. 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.

Our Department currently offers a very successful Ph.D. program in Family Science, recognized nationally for its “Preparing Future Faculty Program.” In FY 2007, the Department had 9 Ph.D. graduates. Four secured tenure track positions (e.g., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; University of Maryland at Baltimore; Miami University of Ohio), and others accepted high-level family policy positions in government and non-profit organizations.

We are now requesting to change the name of the Ph.D. in Family Studies to the Ph.D. in Family Science. There are three major reasons for this request. 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.” We are now offering a second Ph.D. program in Maternal and Child Health and the name, family science, more closely resembles the names of departments in Schools of Public Health that offer this degree (e.g., Department of Population and Family Health Sciences).

Second, the proposed 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 Ph.D. degree consistent with the name of our department.

There will be no costs associated with this name change.