



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Mary Coombs
Chair, Faculty Senate *Mary Coombs*

Date: February 4, 2005

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2004-12(B) – Bachelor of Health Science degree name change

The Faculty Senate, at its January 26, 2005 meeting, voted unanimously to approve a proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Health Science offered in the School of Nursing to a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action. If approved, the change would become effective immediately.

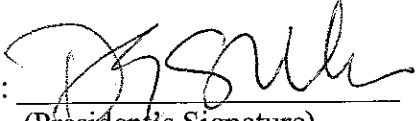
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Nilda Peragallo, Dean, School of Nursing
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PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 2/9/05
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Provost

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: Immediately
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____



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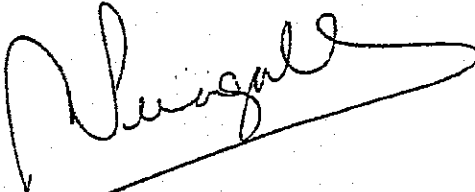
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Office of the Dean

TO: Mary Coombs, JD
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Nilda Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor, School of Nursing

RE: Name Change for Degree for Health Science Program



12 January 2005

The School of Nursing Faculty requests approval of a name change for the degree awarded for the Health Science Program. The School Council, which consists of all voting faculty, voted unanimously on Monday, January 10, 2005, to change the name of the degree from Bachelor of Health Science to a Bachelor of Science in Health Science.

The faculty believe the name reflects more accurately the intent of the program with its heavy concentration of natural and physical sciences, as well as the social and behavioral sciences required for all tracks in the current Health Science Program. Natural, physical, and social sciences constitute between 54% to 69% (average of 60%) of the total credits required for the various tracks in the program, excluding any additional ones which may be taken as elective courses. That is far in excess of the natural and physical sciences required by other universities currently awarding the degree of Bachelor of Science in Health Science.

The continued awarding of the Bachelor of Health Science degree is of limited value in the increasingly technologically and scientifically oriented professional health programs, for which the pre-professional health tracks of the current health sciences program prepare graduates. The change in name of the degree is expected to enhance graduates' admissions to graduate-level programs that require a heavy concentration of science in the pre-professional or undergraduate degree program. This is especially true for graduate programs in pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and forensics. The change will also more clearly indicate to potential applicants the expectations that the program will require a significant numbers of science courses than does the current degree.

The change in name of the degree does not conflict with the name of any other undergraduate degrees at the University. While many Schools and Colleges award a Bachelor of Science in a named field, none award a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. The change in name will also avoid confusion with the degree of Bachelor of Health Science that still remains a degree in the College of Arts and Sciences, especially if the College decides to reactivate admissions into tracks in its Health Science Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the Faculty Senate desire further information. Thank you.