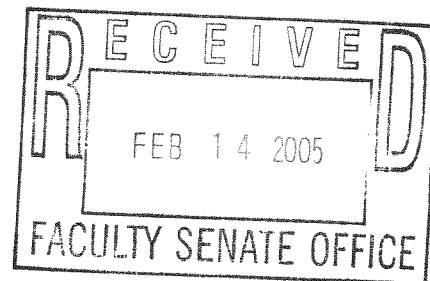




MEMORANDUM



To: Donna E. Shalala, President

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

Date: February 4, 2005

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2004-13(B) – School of Nursing name change

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The Faculty Senate, at its January 26, 2005 meeting, voted unanimously to approve a proposal to change the name of the School of Nursing to the School of Nursing and Health Studies. 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.

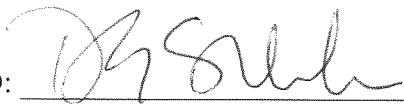
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cc: Luis Glaser, Executive Vice President and Provost  
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**PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE**

APPROVED:  DATE: 2/09/05  
(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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TO: Mary Coombs, JD  
Chair, Faculty Senate

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

RE: Name Change for the School of Nursing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N Peragallo", written over a horizontal line.

12 January 2005

The School of Nursing Faculty requests approval of a name change for the School. The School Council, which consists of all voting faculty, voted unanimously on Monday, January 10, 2005, to change the name of the School of Nursing to the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Faculty believe the name change will reflect more accurately the broader health-related offerings of a non-nursing nature assumed with the migration of the health sciences program to the School from the College of Arts and Sciences. The term "Health Studies" was chosen over "Health Sciences" to accommodate the anticipated development over the next several years of subsequent health-related programs designed to prepare additional types of health care personnel that will likely be required by changes in the current health care system and health care workforce.

The name change will also clarify for potential applicants that they are enrolled in a pre-professional health program or health studies offering in a school that includes separate and distinct programs in nursing, health sciences, or other health-related offerings. This clarification is expected to enhance future graduates' applications to health professions programs by clearly indicating that their program of study and the degree granted are from a health profession school that specializes in health studies, as well as in nursing.

The name change is in keeping with other Schools of Nursing that also offer a variety of non-nursing health programs. Examples are: (a) Drexel University, College of Nursing and Health Professions; (b) George Mason University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences; (c) Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies; (d) SUNY—Utica, School of Nursing and Health Systems; and (e) University of San Diego, Hahn School of Nursing and Health Sciences. As the nursing profession expands and other health related professions continue to grow, the use of "health studies" within the official name of the school provides an opportunity to develop a variety of health related programs that will meet the future health needs of the nation.

The name change is expected to attract a greater number of students interested in pre-professional programs and health-related studies to the University of Miami by creating a separate and more visible school with the term "Health Studies" in its title. This greater visibility is also expected to attract recruiting agencies and strengthen the ability of the School to obtain scholarship monies, program and research grants, and endowed chairs specifically for pre-professional health and other health studies programs. Additionally, it will aid in recruitment of faculty from the variety of disciplines needed to further expand non-nursing health offerings.

The use of "Health Studies" in the title does not conflict with the title of any other School, College, or Academic Unit within the University. Several majors or programs do contain either the term "health" or the term "studies" but none have both terms together in the titles of their offerings. The decision to include Health Studies in the name rather than Health Sciences avoids any organizational or academic confusion that may occur in the future should the College of Arts and Sciences faculty decide to reactivate admissions into tracks in its health sciences program.

The name change requires no additional resources to implement and maintain beyond that necessary for new letterhead, revisions to program recruitment literature, web site revisions, and the like.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the Faculty Senate desire further information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.