



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: August 25, 2012

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2012-01(B) – Change the Name of the (NCMHD), National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities -University of Miami Center of Excellence for Hispanics Health Disparities Research : El Centro *to* University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Center of Excellence for Health Disparities Research: El Centro

At its August 22, 2012 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal to change the name of the (NCMHD), National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities - University of Miami Center of Excellence for Hispanics Health Disparities Research : El Centro *to* University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Center of Excellence for Health Disparities Research: El Centro.¹

As noted in the proposal, there are three elements to the change-

- 1) Removing "NCMHD" for the purpose of simplifying the title- although El Centro is funded by the NIMHD, the funding agency does not require that its name be included in the title of the center, only that dissemination products and activities acknowledge the funding.
- 2) Adding "School of Nursing and Health Studies"- It was an error that this wasn't part of the title before as this is a school-based rather than a University-based center. The *Faculty Manual* requires that centers include the name of the school (if a school-based center) and the university.
- 3) Removing "Hispanic"-the population focus of the center has expanded beyond Hispanics.

The supporting materials are enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

¹ C18.2.2 Other NAMED or TITLED ACADEMIC UNITS [such as school-level Centers and Institutes] established under Bylaw 6.6 may be approved by the Faculty Senate and the President. For each such approved unit, the Executive Vice-President and Provost shall consult with the dean of the host school at five year intervals to determine whether the unit remains active and shall report to the Faculty Senate the names of those that should be disestablished.

C18.2.3 Periodic five year reviews may be conducted on all programs, centers, institutes and similar academic units as deemed appropriate by the Faculty Senate or the Executive Vice-President and Provost.


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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nilda Peragallo, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Studies
Victoria Mitrani, Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies

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PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 9/13/12
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN PERAGALLO

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

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____



Nilda (Nena) P. Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Dean Nilda (Nena) Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN
School of Nursing and Health Studies

DATE: August 6, 2012

This is written in notification that at a meeting of the School of Nursing and Health Studies School Council, held on July 24, 2012, a majority of our voting faculty (20) unanimously approved the change of name for El Centro **from** *"National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities – University of Miami Center of Excellence for Hispanics Health Disparities Research: El Centro"* **to** *"University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Center of Excellence for Health Disparities Research: El Centro."*

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- 2) Adding "School of Nursing and Health Studies" – It was an error that this wasn't part of the title before as this is a school-based rather than a University-based center. The university requires that centers include the name of the school (if a school-based center) and the university.
- 3) Removing "Hispanic" – the population focus of the center has expanded beyond Hispanics.

Additionally, this will indicate my approval and continuing support (including financial) for El Centro and its activities.

Thank you for your consideration.