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MEMORANDUM

To:

Julio Frenk

University President

From:

Tomas A. Salerno

Chair, Faculty Senate

Date:

November 23, 2015

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2015-11(B) – Name Change of the Online High School to

the Global Academy, Division of Continuing and International Education

The Faculty Senate, at its November 18, 2015 meeting, had no objections to a proposal requesting to formally change the name of the University of Miami's Online High School to Global Academy.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Enclosure

cc:

Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost Rebecca Fox, Dean, Division of Continuing and International Education Craig Wilson, Founding Head of School, Global Academy CAPSULE:

Faculty Senate Legislation #2015-11(B) – Name Change of the Online High School to the Global Academy, Division of Continuing and International Education

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED: (President's Signature)	DATE: (2/16/2015
OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEM	ENT: Dean Rebecca Fo
EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION:	Immediately (if other than June 1 next following)
NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO	
REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED):	



Notification of Name Change of University of Miami Global Academy

Presented to the University of Miami General Welfare Committee Faculty Senate

Submitted by Craig Wilson, J.D., Ph.D., founding Head of School

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Name Change Notification

The journey to establish the University of Miami Global Academy (UMGA) online middle and high school has been challenging and rewarding. Craig Wilson was hired as the founding head of school in 2008 to move the school from concept to reality. While in the planning stages, the school operated under the generic name 'online high school' until a more suitable name could be selected. By the end of 2008, the name, 'Global Academy,' was selected as an appropriate way to reflect the aspirations of the school to reach students from around the world and allow for the possibility of future growth beyond high school.

Below is a timeline to highlight key milestones.

- 2008: Name of school, mission, vision, and goals established
- 2009: UMGA opened its virtual doors to students
- 2010: Achieved accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) accreditation (separate and apart from the University's accreditation)
- 2010: Achieved charter for National Honor Society
- 2012: Added middle school grade levels (grades 6-8)
- 2013: Achieved NCAA certification for student-athletes vying for entry to Division I universities
- 2014: Achieved accreditation from Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) accreditation and is the <u>only</u> virtual school in the state to receive this distinction in the organization's 60+ year history
- 2011 to 2015: UMGA graduates have been accepted to Arizona, Clemson, Emory, Harvard, International University of Monaco, NYU, Penn State, Miami (FL), Ole Miss, Oregon, Seton Hall, Virginia, among other highly regarded colleges and universities

Although the school has enrolled students since 2009, this document's purpose is to formally request the name change from 'online high school' to 'Global Academy' via the Faculty Senate.