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Dr. Jeffrey Leak
Faculty President
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Dear Jeffrey,

In accordance with the procedure concerning the establishment and naming of departments, I am forwarding a request from the Belk College of Business to change the Department of Accounting to the Turner School of Accountancy.

The justification for the change is attached. I ask that it be considered for faculty approval at the next Faculty Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Attachment

cc: Steve Ott, Dean, Belk College of Business





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To: Dr. Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

From: Dr. Steven H. Ott
Dean, Belk College of Business

Date: February 8, 2016

Re: Department of Accounting Name Change

The Belk College of Business would like to request to change the name of the College's Department of Accounting to the Turner School of Accountancy. Tom Turner is making a donation of \$2.5 million dollars for scholarships to the Department of Accounting and the College.

Tom Turner, named "the father of UNC Charlotte's Accounting Program", was a dedicated professor for nearly 30 years. He had a pivotal role in founding and leading the Accounting Department as Chair. He insisted on a rigorous accounting program that started with hiring strong teachers, which included six Bank of America teaching award winners. The department also has produced alumni who hold are have held the following positions: CEO Lowes, CEO Food Lion, CFOs at Bank of America, Nucor, Lowes, Sealed Air, Chairman of Grant Thornton, etc.

There is precedent for accounting programs to be named both Departments and Schools among AACSB accredited programs and some of the top ranked accounting programs are indeed Schools of Accounting/Accountancy, including Arizona State University, Brigham Young University, University of Alabama, University of Florida, University of Georgia, and the University of Southern California. The new name will elevate the College's accounting programs and highlight the generous support and leadership of Mr. Turner.

I would like to request that this name change to the Turner School of Accountancy be effective beginning September 1, 2016.

I understand this request must progress through the campus procedures. Should you or other members of the review process have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.