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October 28, 2013

Dr. Eddy Souffrant
Faculty President

Dear Eddy:

In accordance with the procedure concerning the change of departmental names, I am forwarding a request from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to change the name of the Department of Biology to the Department of Biological Sciences. Consultation with other departments that might have concerns about this name change included Bioinformatics and Genomics, Chemistry, Geography & Earth Sciences, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics and Optical Science and Psychology. There are no objections from these disciplines.

The justification for the name 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

Attachments

cc: Nancy Gutierrez, Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences



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College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Office of the Dean

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor

FROM: Nancy A. Gutierrez *Nancy A. Gutierrez*
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

DATE: October 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Department of Biology to become the Department of Biological Sciences

The Department of Biology has reconsidered its previous name change request and has voted unanimously to change its name to the **Department of Biological Sciences**. Chair Martin Klotz has consulted with the departments of Bioinformatics and Genomics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics and Optical Sciences, and Psychology. (See attached correspondence.) All departments consulted endorse the name change.

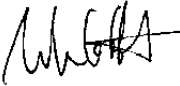
I support this name change as well. Please let me know if you require further information.



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Memorandum

TO: Nancy A. Gutierrez, Ph.D., Professor of English
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

FROM: Martin G. Klotz, Ph.D. 
Professor and Chair
Department of Biology

RE: Name change, "*Department of Biology*" into "*Department of Biological Sciences*"

DATE: August 26, 2013

Dear Nancy,

The Department of Biology held its first Faculty Meeting on Friday, August 23, 2013, in Woodward Hall. All faculty members in attendance voted to change the name of the department to "*Department of Biological Sciences.*" Two faculty members provided supportive proxy votes and two faculty members provided supportive votes per e-mail. Meredith Norris is on FMLA leave and does not participate in Department activities while on leave. Aside from Meredith, ALL members of the Biology Faculty voted in favor of this name change.

As I have reported earlier, this change of name has been supported in writing by the Chairs of the following Departments on Campus: Chemistry, Geography & Earth Sciences, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Optical Sciences, Psychology, as well as Bioinformatics & Genomics; most of which were based on solicited faculty input in those departments.

We would like to move along with this change as soon as possible and hope for your support. Thank you!

From: "Mays, Larry" <lemays@uncc.edu>
Subject: **Re: request for support**
Date: May 8, 2013 6:35:36 AM EDT
To: "Klotz, Martin" <mklotz@uncc.edu>

I don't have any objection to the name change.
Larry

On May 7, 2013, at 4:43 PM, "Martin Gunter Klotz" <mklotz@uncc.edu> wrote:

Dear Larry,

During its retreat in March 2013, the Biology faculty have voted to change the name of their department in order to reflect that we have arrived in the 21st century. The initially proposed name "Department of Biosciences" was not acceptable to Upper Administration because it sounded to encompassing. Since receiving this notification, I have searched extensively for precedence and found out that the name Bioscience is predominantly used for entities on professional school environments or as the umbrella for Institutes.

Given this insight, I have consulted with my faculty and we have decided on the name "Department of Biological Sciences", which is the most common name for new and former Biology Departments in US institutions.

Because there is lots of overlapping expertise related to Biology in Departments of my College such as Biochemistry (Chemistry), Biogeochemistry & Systems Ecology (Geography and Earth Sciences), Biophysics (Physics & Optics); Biostatistics (Mathematics and Statistics) and Neuroscience (Psychology), which however does not contribute to the names of these Departments, I have consulted with the pertinent Department Chairs.

I have received in writing support from the Chairs on behalf of the faculty in the Departments of Chemistry, Geography & Earth Sciences, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Optics, and Psychology for this name change. There was the understanding that the new name of my department will not create a conflict of mistaken identity or claims to a monopoly any more than what the epic name "Biology" already does.

Your Department of Bioinformatics & Genomics addresses clearly important aspects of the Biosciences in teaching and research but I hope that you could live in collaborative co-existence with a Department of Biological Sciences without the thought that for this to happen, Bioinformatics & Genomics should be part of such unit. I would very much appreciate a short note of your support for this name change.

In addition and as a heads-up of a future conversation, I have perceived interest in discussions on a future Charlotte Bioscience Institute (see attachment).

Thanks so much!
Martin

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From: "Donovan-Merkert, Bernadette" <bdonovan@uncc.edu>
Subject: Department of Biological Sciences
Date: May 3, 2013 3:45:18 PM EDT
To: "Klotz, Martin" <mklotz@uncc.edu>

Dear Martin,

The Department of Chemistry supports the proposal to change of the name of the Department of Biology to the Department of Biological Sciences.

Best wishes.
Bernadette

Please note new phone number: 704-687-1464

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From: "Allan, Craig" <cjallan@uncc.edu>
Subject: RE: Biological Sciences
Date: May 1, 2013 12:26:55 PM EDT
To: "Klotz, Martin" <mklotz@uncc.edu>

Hi Martin

I just heard back from the last of my Ecologists this morning. The Department of Geography and Earth Sciences fully supports the proposed name change from the Department of Biology to "Department of Biological Sciences".

Craig

From: Martin Gunter Klotz [mailto:mklotz@uncc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 12:13 PM
To: Donovan-Merkert, Bernadette; Allan, Craig; Boreman, Glenn
Subject: Re: Biological Sciences

Dear Natural Sciences Chair colleagues,

During our last Chair meeting (thanks, again, for the goodies, Bernadette!), I mentioned that Biology wants to change its name. The initially proposed name "Biosciences" was not acceptable to Upper Administration. After our conversation and consultation with my faculty, I believe that "*Department of Biological Sciences*" could make it through. There is lots of overlapping expertise related to Biology in your Departments such as Biochemistry (Chemistry), Biogeochemistry and Systems Ecology (Geography and Earth Sciences), Biophysics (Physics & Optics); Biostatistics (Mathematics and Statistics) and Neuroscience (Psychology) without contributing to your Department's name. So there should not be a conflict of mistaken identity or claims to a monopoly more than what the epic name "Biology" already does.

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From: "Diao, Yuanan" <YuananDiao@uncc.edu>
Subject: **Re: Biological Sciences**
Date: April 30, 2013 12:39:49 AM EDT
To: Martin Gunter Klotz <martin.g.klotz@gmail.com>

Dear Martin,

I fully support the name change proposal for your department. The name "Department of Biological Sciences" does imply the fact that the expertise of your faculty covers the various advanced fields in biology.

Best,

Yuanan

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On Apr 29, 2013, at 9:38 PM, Martin Gunter Klotz wrote:

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Martin

From: "Boreman, Glenn" <gboreman@uncc.edu>
Subject: RE: Biological Sciences
Date: May 1, 2013 1:40:11 PM EDT
To: "Klotz, Martin" <mklotz@uncc.edu>

Hello Martin

The proposed name change of your department is fine with the department of physics and optical science.

Best regards

Glenn

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From: Martin Gunter Klotz [mklotz@uncc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 12:13 PM
To: Donovan-Merkert, Bernadette; Allan, Craig; Boreman, Glenn
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From: "Cachelin, Fary" <fcachel@uncc.edu>
Subject: RE: Biological Sciences
Date: April 30, 2013 10:34:03 AM EDT
To: "Martin Gunter Klotz" <martin.g.klotz@gmail.com>

Hi Martin,

Psychology has no objection and supports this name change.

Best,
Fary

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From: Martin Gunter Klotz [mailto:martin.g.klotz@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 9:39 PM
To: Donovan-Merkert, Bernadette; Cachelin, Fary; Allan, Craig; Boreman, Glenn; Diao, Yuanan
Subject: Biological Sciences

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