Senate Cabinet

Proposal to Change the Name of the B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior to B.A. in Psychological Science

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June 27, 2018

ENRIQUE LAVERNIA
PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR

RE: Proposed Name Change for the B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior in the School of Social Ecology

At its June 19, 2018 meeting, the Senate Cabinet discussed the proposal to change the name of the BA in Psychology and Social Behavior to the BA in Psychological Science. The proposal was reviewed and discussed within the context of the requests by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior to change the name of its department and graduate degree program to Psychological Science. The Senate Cabinet unanimously endorsed the proposal to change the name of the BA in Psychology and Social Behavior to the BA in Psychological Science. The Senate Cabinet wishes to communicate its view that a portal umbrella website clarifying the differences between and opportunities in the programs in Social Ecology and Social Sciences, as mentioned in the proposal, is critically important to minimizing confusion resulting from the name change.

Please be aware that if the department hopes to change all their course titles to reflect the degree name change, they will need to submit course name changes to CIM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Maria Pantelia, Chair
Academic Senate, Irvine Division

C: Nancy Guerra, Dean, School of Social Ecology
Karen Rook, Chair, Psychology & Social Behavior
Chuansheng Chen, Incoming Chair, Psychology & Social Behavior
Judy Stepan-Norris, Vice Provost, Academic Planning
Tracy Molidor, Associate Vice Provost, Academic Planning
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Natalie Schonfeld, Executive Director, Academic Senate
May 2, 2018

TO: MARIA PANTELIA, CHAIR, ACADEMIC SENATE

RE: DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM NAME CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL ECOLOGY

I am forwarding for Senate consideration the attached proposal for three simple name changes:

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Please note that these actions do not involve modifications in degree requirements and do not require new resources. I understand that the name change for the department and undergraduate degree are facilitated at the campus level, while the change for the doctoral program will require CCGA review beyond that of the Divisional Senate.

The letters of support from the department chair and dean describe the process through which faculty developed their request in collaboration with the School of Social Sciences and in consideration of other programs on campus. I applaud this approach and endorse all three actions.

Sincerely,

Enrique J. Lavernia
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

C: Vice Provost Stepan-Norris
   Executive Director Schonfeld
April 27, 2018

To: Enrique Lavernia, EVC and Provost
From: Nancy Guerra, Dean of Social Ecology

Re: Proposal to change the name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the names of the department’s degree programs

Dear Provost Lavernia,

I would like to offer my strong support to the proposal developed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior (appended) to change the name of the department and the names of its degree programs. Specifically, the department wishes to change its name to the Department of Psychological Science and proposes parallel changes to the names of its undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The current B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior would be changed to the B.A. in Psychological Science, and the current Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior would be changed to the Ph.D. in Psychological Science.

As noted in the proposal, the requested changes were considered through a process that included consultation with the Department of Cognitive Sciences, the Dean of the School of Social Ecology, and the Dean of the School of Social Sciences. To facilitate this consultation, the two Deans established a Committee on Psychology at UCI, charged with addressing the requested department and degree name changes in a way that would: advance the intellectual and research missions of cognitive and psychological sciences at UCI; reduce confusion among undergraduates about the different degree programs in psychology currently offered at UCI; foster the development of unified website designed to enhance the visibility and accessibility of information regarding options for training in psychology at UCI; and respond to faculty concerns that the current department name, Psychology and Social Behavior, conveys an overly narrow emphasis on social behavior (see appended charge to the committee).

The Committee on Psychology at UCI included representatives from both Psychology and Social Behavior and Cognitive Sciences and, through a series of meetings, it met the key objectives outlined in the committee charge and reached an agreement to support the department name change and changes in the names of undergraduate and graduate degrees offered by both departments. As described in the proposal, the agreement includes not only the changes requested by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior but also coordinated changes in the degree offerings of the Department of Cognitive Sciences, with its B.A. in Psychology replaced by a B.S. in Psychology, to be offered alongside an existing B.S. in Cognitive Sciences. At the graduate level, the Ph.D. in Psychology (including a concentration in Cognitive
Neuroscience) offered by Cognitive Sciences would be replaced by a Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences. Changes pertaining to these degrees within Cognitive Sciences will be described in a separate proposal.

I have discussed the proposed changes with the Chair of Psychology and Social Behavior, Karen Rook, and with Dean Bill Maurer. Both Dean Maurer and I met with the Committee on Psychology at UCI to discuss the proposed changes. I am satisfied, therefore, that the processes of consultation were thorough and that the proposed changes will benefit each of the departments and will offer a clearer and more appealing menu of options for training and research in cognitive and psychological sciences at UCI.

Further, as someone who has spent my career in a Department of Psychology, I agree that the name Department of Psychological Science is a better representation of both what the department offers and where the field is headed. Many departments across the country, as well as emerging professional associations, are changing their names to include mention of “science.” Further, the educational and research programs of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior do not focus specifically on social behavior in a manner that warrants including this phrase in the department’s name. As noted in the proposal, the department’s specializations currently include affective science, developmental psychology, health psychology, psychology and the law, and social/personality psychology. Later this year, the department will submit a proposal to add clinical psychology as a fifth area. As the department continues to expand, having a name and degree names that adequately reflect the breadth of emphases in the department is extremely important.

I believe that the proposed department name change and the coordinated degree name changes recommended by the Committee on Psychology at UCI will serve both departments well and will clarify and strengthen opportunities to recruit and training outstanding graduate and undergraduate students alike.

In sum, I strongly support this request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Guerra, Dean
School of Social Ecology
Attached please find a proposal to change the name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior to the Department of Psychological Science and the names of the department’s undergraduate and graduate degrees to B.A. in Psychological Science and Ph.D. in Psychological Science, respectively. This proposal replaces a proposal previously submitted on October 26, 2016 that focused solely on a request to change the name of the department. That proposal had the unanimous endorsement of the department faculty, your endorsement, and Provost Lavernia’s endorsement. The proposal was redirected to the department, however, by former Senate Chair, William Parker, for further consideration, in consultation with the Department of Cognitive Sciences. With your input and that of Dean Bill Maurer, that consultation was broadened through the establishment of a Committee on Psychology at UCI, charged with addressing the requested department name change in concert with changes in the undergraduate and graduate degrees currently offered by each department. Membership of the committee included faculty from the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior (Karen Rook, Department Chair and Committee Co-Chair; Chuansheng Chen; Linda Levine) and the Department of Cognitive Sciences (Ramesh Srinivasan, Department Chair and Committee Co-Chair; Michael Lee; Virginia Richards). The charge to the committee (appended) also included a request to consider the broader status of Psychology at UCI.

A series of meetings and discussions with the two department chairs, the two Deans, and the full committee took place in the spring and summer of 2017. Those exchanges resulted in an agreement to support the department name change and coordinated changes in the undergraduate and graduate degrees offered by both departments. This agreement is described in the attached proposal. The proposal was voted on by the faculty of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and received unanimous support (vote summary attached). I strongly support the proposal, as well, and I believe that the complementary changes proposed the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and Department of Cognitive Sciences are responsive to each of the points raised in the committee charge. Attached please find a letter of support from Chair Srinivasan for the changes proposed by our department, and my letter of support for the degree changes proposed by Cognitive Sciences.

If you support the proposed change to the name of our department, in concert with coordinated changes in our existing B.A. and Ph.D. degrees, my understanding is that your expression of support will be relayed along with the proposal, to Provost Lavernia, for his consideration, in consultation with relevant Academic Senate Councils.

Thank you very much for considering our proposal. I would be happy to discuss any questions you might have regarding the proposal.

Karen Rook
Professor and Chair
Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Names of the B.A. and Ph.D. Degrees Offered by the Department

Submitted by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior

April 27, 2018

This proposal requests approval to change: a) the name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior to the Department of Psychological Science, b) the name of the B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior to B.A. in Psychological Science, and c) the name of the Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior to Ph.D. in Psychological Science. This proposal by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior complements proposed changes in the degrees offered by the Department of Cognitive Sciences, as described on p. 3. The faculty of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior voted unanimously to support the proposed changes. The Chair of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior, Karen Rook, supports this proposal, as indicated in the cover memo that accompanies the proposal. A statement of support from the Chair of the Department of Cognitive Sciences, Ramesh Srinivasan, is attached.

Requested Department Name Change

In the past 16 years, since its establishment in 1992, the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior has grown to encompass five core areas of psychological science: affective science, developmental psychology, health psychology, psychology and the law, and social/personality psychology. This year, the department will submit a proposal to add a sixth area, clinical psychology. The emphasis on “social behavior” in the current department name – Psychology and Social Behavior – fails to represent the expertise the faculty in these core areas. As a result, we request that the name of the department be modified to omit the words “Social Behavior” and to change “Psychology” to “Psychological Science.” The new department name, therefore, would be the Department of Psychological Science.

The requested department name change is motivated by the following key considerations:

1) The proposed name will more accurately convey the broad range of research and training specializations within the department. Importantly, it will aid in recruiting prospective graduate students beyond those interested in studying social processes and behavior per se. For example, students interested in affective science or clinical psychology could more easily envision pursuing their graduate studies in a Department of Psychological Science than a Department of Psychology and Social Behavior. Currently, the majority of students who apply to our graduate program are seeking training in social psychology, and we believe that the name change will increase the number of applicants in the other areas.

2) We believe that this name change is critical as we seek to implement a clinical psychology graduate specialization because our department will need to attract faculty leaders and prospective graduate students in clinical psychology who have interests in both clinical science and clinical practice. They will readily recognize the science-based and multi-faceted academic mission of a Department of Psychological Science, but less so a Department of Psychology and Social Behavior.

3) Recurring confusion exists on and off campus between the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. The proposed name change would largely eliminate that confusion.
4) A department name has implications for its ranking in the broader field of psychology. The unusual name, Psychology and Social Behavior, is a disadvantage in this regard.

5) Virtually all major research universities have departments that offer training in psychology. Nearly all of these departments have one of three names: Department of Psychology; Department of Psychological Science; or Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. The breadth of research, teaching, and training within our department makes adoption of a conventional name appropriate, and UCI would benefit in rankings and recruitment of students from having a conventionally named psychology department.

We wish to note, as a broader context for the proposed change, that professional associations and departments throughout the country are increasingly shifting from use of the term “psychology” to use of the term “psychological science.” The shift represents contemporary trends in the field and in the marketplace for students and academic colleagues. Our largest academic society, to which many faculty belong, is the Association for Psychological Science, and a number of departments have changed their name accordingly. For example, the University of Connecticut, Vanderbilt University, and Purdue University, among others, have changed their department name to the Department of Psychological Science. Other departments, such as those at Johns Hopkins University, Dartmouth University, University of Iowa, Boston University, and the University of California, Santa Barbara have changed their name to the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. The requested department name change, therefore, is consistent with national trends.

**Requested Degree Name Changes**

In keeping with the requested department name change and, as an outgrowth of the consultative process with the Committee on Psychology at UCI and with Deans Guerra and Maurer, we request that our existing degree names be changed to mirror the change in our department name. Specifically, we request that the B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior be changed to **B.A. in Psychological Science** and that the Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior be changed to **Ph.D. in Psychological Science**. The proposed degree name changes are elements of the agreement reached by the Committee on Psychology at UCI, in concert with Deans Guerra and Maurer.

The agreement reached by the Committee on Psychology at UCI, together with Deans Guerra and Maurer, calls for complementary changes in the degree offerings of the Department of Cognitive Sciences. The Department of Cognitive Sciences will launch a **B.S. in Psychology** in Fall 2019. In 2022-23, and in consultation with both deans and departments, Cognitive Sciences will **phase out the B.A. in Psychology**. The Department of Cognitive Sciences also proposes to change the name of its M.A. degree from M.A. in Psychology to **M.S. in Cognitive Sciences** and the name of its Ph.D. degree from the Ph.D. in Psychology to **Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences**. Three different Master’s degree tracks (Cognitive Sciences, Cognitive Neuroscience, and Statistics) will lead to the Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences. Details regarding these proposed changes are addressed in proposals submitted by the Department of Cognitive Sciences. Please note that a letter from the Chair of Psychology and Social Behavior expressing support for these proposed changes is appended.

A number of universities (e.g., Yale University, Duke University, Ohio State University) offer both B.A. and B.S. degrees in psychology. B.A. degrees often provide greater breadth in course offerings within psychology, and students who pursue the B.A. degree also typically take more courses in fields outside the major. Students who pursue a B.S. degree typically take more
laboratory courses and courses in mathematics and the natural sciences, and take somewhat fewer courses in fields outside the major. Within the UC system, UC Davis, UC Riverside, and UC San Diego offer both B.A. and B.S. degrees in psychology; UC Los Angeles offers a B.A. in Psychology, a B.A. in Cognitive Science, and a B.S. in Psychobiology; UC Santa Barbara offers a B.A. in Psychology and a B.S. in Psychological and Brain Sciences. Students appear to be quite capable of comprehending the B.A.-B.S. distinction, and websites at many of these universities also provide guidance to students concerning the differences between B.A. and B.S. degrees in psychology. We believe that UCI students will be able to understand these differences as well, and department counselors and relevant websites will provide similar guidance for students.

The proposed degree changes for the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior are supported by the Committee on Psychology at UCI, Deans Guerra and Maurer, and the faculty of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior. These changes will allow the departments to offer training at the undergraduate and graduate levels that reflects each department’s respective emphases, strengths, pedagogical goals, and plans for growth. We also believe that the proposed changes to degree names and the degrees offered will better serve UCI undergraduate students and graduate students than do the current degrees. Less duplication and confusion will exist across the degrees to be offered, and we will create a website (described below), supplemented by enhanced training of undergraduate and graduate counselors, to advise students about the options for studying psychology at UCI and how these options differ. Again, students’ understanding of these different options will be aided by degree names that are considerably less duplicative and draw sharper distinctions than is the case currently.

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**Psychology at UCI Website**

Another outgrowth of the deliberations by the Committee on Psychology at UCI is a recommendation, supported by Deans Guerra and Maurer, to revive and enhance a largely dormant website that provides a broad overview of options for training in psychology at UCI. The current proposal has understandably focused on proposed changes and plans of the two departments at UCI that currently offer formal degree programs in psychology, the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Department of Cognitive Sciences. We recognize, however, that relevant courses and mentored research opportunities in psychology exist elsewhere at UCI, such as the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, School of Education, School of Nursing, and School of Medicine (among others). We will invite faculty from those units to participate in the website by listing relevant opportunities for undergraduate and graduate training in psychology. We believe that this portal will enhance the visibility and accessibility of information regarding options for training in psychology at UCI for internal and external constituents alike, thereby helping to enhance the stature and overall profile of psychological and cognitive sciences at UCI.
Psychology at UCI Committee: Charge

April 12, 2017
Karen Rook, Chair, Psychology and Social Behavior  Linda Levine, Professor, Psychology and Social Behavior
Chuansheng Chen, Professor, Psychology and Social Behavior  Ramesh Srinivasan, Chair, Cognitive Sciences
Michael Lee, Professor, Cognitive Sciences  Virginia Richards, Professor, Cognitive Sciences

We write to constitute a joint committee of the Departments of Cognitive Sciences and Psychology and Social Behavior to make recommendations regarding coordination between these two departments and our two schools. We seek your service on this committee.

Several efforts have taken place over the years for greater or lesser coordination between these departments. We would like to charge the committee to be forward-thinking and to advise us on possible future arrangements that help achieve the following goals:

1) Advancing the intellectual and research mission of cognitive and psychological sciences at UC Irvine at a whole. This is an opportune time to think about the departments’ strengths, given current faculty recruitments, central campus hiring initiatives that have benefited these two departments, the possibility of further growth based on enrollment, and the campus’s strategic plan.

2) Reducing confusion among undergraduates about the different degree programs offered.

3) Providing a single portal or shop front for branding purposes for external and internal constituencies, in order to enhance the departments’ stature and the overall profile of cognitive and psychological sciences at UC Irvine.

4) Addressing the concern of Psychology and Social Behavior faculty about their name and need to find an alternate that does not emphasize social behavior.

The work of the committee may entail assessing current coordination between the two departments at the level of undergraduate and graduate instruction; imagining new programs including cross-school BA/BS, MA/MS and PhD programs (even bringing in other partners, such as Bio Sci and Medicine); exploring coordinating mechanisms such as an executive committee with representatives from both departments, a meta-level “face” such as a “Division” (within the boundaries of the APM/APP), or some other option, and a new name for the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior.

Our intention in constituting this committee is not only to resolve the department name or designation problem that surfaced this year. It is rather to take the occasion of a confluence of factors (consistent and enhanced departmental strength; actual and potential growth; new leadership; and a new capital campaign) to see if it is worth rethinking even more broadly how we are currently doing things.

We will use your recommendations to weigh options for the future, as well as to help us make the case to the Provost for resource allocations for our units. We are setting a provisional deadline of July 1 for your recommendations. Thank you very much for this important service.

Bill and Nancy
April 26, 2018

ENRIQUE LAVERNIA
EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

Vote Summary: Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Names of the B.A. and Ph.D. Degrees Offered by the Department

Votes of the faculty of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior for each of three proposed actions to change the name of the department, the name of its B.A. program, and the name of its Ph.D. program are summarized below.

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A total of 28 votes were cast of 28 eligible voters.
* The Chair expresses her support via memo and is not included in the vote summary.
* One faculty member is on leave.
Dear Karen:

The Department of Cognitive Sciences supports the following changes proposed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior:
1. Department name change to Psychological Science;
2. Undergraduate degree title change to: B.A. in Psychological Science;
3. Graduate degree title change to: Ph.D. in Psychological Science

Our understanding is that the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior also supports the following changes to our programs:
1. Offering of a B.S. in Psychology starting Fall 2019;
2. Review of our existing B.A. in Psychology in 2022-23 with the intent to sunset the program;
3. Change in our master’s degree title from an M.A. in Psychology to an M.S. in Cognitive Sciences;
4. Change in our graduate degree title from a Ph.D. in Psychology to a Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences

We believe these changes to our undergraduate and graduate programs, aligned with changes being proposed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior, will provide a comprehensive set of clearly delineated choices for training in Psychology and Cognitive Sciences at UCI.

Sincerely,

Ramesh Srinivasan
Professor and Chair
April 25, 2018

Ramesh Srinivasan  
Chair, Department of Cognitive Sciences  
University of California, Irvine

RE: Letter of Support for Degree Changes Proposed by the Department of Cognitive Sciences

Dear Ramesh,

The Department of Psychology and Social Behavior supports the following changes proposed by the Department of Cognitive Sciences to its degree programs:

1. Offering a B.S. in Psychology starting Fall 2019;
2. Reviewing the existing B.A. in Psychology in 2022-23, with the intent of phasing out this degree program;
3. Changing the title of the M.A. in Psychology to M.S. in Cognitive Sciences;

I appreciate your expression of support for the following changes proposed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior, as reflected in your letter dated April 19, 2018:

1. Changing the name of our department from the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior to the Department of Psychological Science;
2. Changing the title of our undergraduate degree from B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior to B.A. in Psychological Science;
3. Changing the title of our graduate degree from Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior to Ph.D. in Psychological Science.

I believe that the proposed changes will allow our departments to offer training at the undergraduate and graduate levels that reflects their respective emphases, strengths, pedagogical goals, and plans for growth. In addition, the proposed name change for our department will better accommodate the range of research and training specializations within the department. We look forward to collaborating with you on an improved Psychology at UCI website that will help prospective students identify the academic program that best meets their needs and that will enhance the overall visibility and stature of psychological and cognitive sciences at UCI.

Sincerely,

Karen Rook  
Professor and Chair
April 27, 2018

Professor Hugh Roberts
Chair, UCI Council on Educational Policy

RE: Request from the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior to Change the Name of its Undergraduate Degree from B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior to B.A. in Psychological Science

The Department of Psychology and Social Behavior requests approval to change the name of its undergraduate degree from B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior to B.A. in Psychological Science. In concert with this change, the department wishes to change its name to the Department of Psychological Science and the name of its doctoral degree from Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior to Ph.D. in Psychological Science. This set of coordinated name changes is described more fully in the attached proposal dated April 27, 2018, which will be vetted with the Provost and relevant Senate Councils. The proposed changes have the unanimous endorsement of the department faculty (please see appended vote summary) and the support of Nancy Guerra, Dean of the School of Social Ecology, and Ramesh Srinivasan, Chair of the Department of Cognitive Sciences (please see appended letters of support). I strongly support the proposed changes, as well.

The proposed changes were considered in consultation with an interdepartmental Committee on Psychology at UCI (comprised of faculty members from the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Department of Cognitive Sciences). The committee met separately and together with Nancy Guerra, Dean of the School of Social Ecology, and Bill Maurer, Dean of the School of Social Sciences. Ramesh Srinivasan, Chair of the Department of Cognitive Sciences, and I served as Co-Chairs of the Committee on Psychology at UCI, and we also met separately and together with both Deans to discuss our proposed department and degree name changes, along with degree changes proposed by the Department of Cognitive Sciences. The changes proposed by Cognitive Sciences will entail changing the name of their Ph.D. in Psychology to Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences, changing the name of their M.A. in Psychology to M.S. in Cognitive Sciences, offering a B.S. in Psychology in 2019, and phasing out their B.A. in Psychology after review of its status in 2022-23. These changes will be addressed in a separate proposal submitted for Academic Senate review by the Department of Cognitive Sciences. I support the degree changes proposed by Cognitive Sciences, as indicated in an appended letter of support.

I believe that the changes proposed by both departments are responsive to the charge to the Committee on Psychology at UCI (appended to the attached proposal) and will enhance the options available to undergraduates who wish to pursue studies in psychology at UCI. Importantly, the
proposed changes will allow both departments to offer training at the undergraduate and graduate levels that reflects their respective emphases, strengths, pedagogical goals, and plans for growth. The two departments will collaborate in developing an improved Psychology at UCI website that provides an overview of options for training in psychology at UCI, with the goal of helping students identify the academic program that best meets their needs. This website will also serve to enhance the overall visibility and stature of psychological and cognitive sciences at UCI.

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The requested department name change is motivated by the following key considerations:

1) The proposed name will more accurately convey the broad range of research and training specializations within the department. Importantly, it will aid in recruiting prospective graduate students beyond those interested in studying social processes and behavior per se. For example, students interested in affective science or clinical psychology could more easily envision pursuing their graduate studies in a Department of Psychological Science than a Department of Psychology and Social Behavior. Currently, the majority of students who apply to our graduate program are seeking training in social psychology, and we believe that the name change will increase the number of applicants in the other areas.

2) We believe that this name change is critical as we seek to implement a clinical psychology graduate specialization because our department will need to attract faculty leaders and prospective graduate students in clinical psychology who have interests in both clinical science and clinical practice. They will readily recognize the science-based and multi-faceted academic mission of a Department of Psychological Science, but less so a Department of Psychology and Social Behavior.

3) Recurring confusion exists on and off campus between the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. The proposed name change would largely eliminate that confusion.
4) A department name has implications for its ranking in the broader field of psychology. The unusual name, Psychology and Social Behavior, is a disadvantage in this regard.

5) Virtually all major research universities have departments that offer training in psychology. Nearly all of these departments have one of three names: Department of Psychology; Department of Psychological Science; or Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. The breadth of research, teaching, and training within our department makes adoption of a conventional name appropriate, and UCI would benefit in rankings and recruitment of students from having a conventionally named psychology department.

We wish to note, as a broader context for the proposed change, that professional associations and departments throughout the country are increasingly shifting from use of the term “psychology” to use of the term “psychological science.” The shift represents contemporary trends in the field and in the marketplace for students and academic colleagues. Our largest academic society, to which many faculty belong, is the Association for Psychological Science, and a number of departments have changed their name accordingly. For example, the University of Connecticut, Vanderbilt University, and Purdue University, among others, have changed their department name to the Department of Psychological Science. Other departments, such as those at Johns Hopkins University, Dartmouth University, University of Iowa, Boston University, and the University of California, Santa Barbara have changed their name to the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. The requested department name change, therefore, is consistent with national trends.

**Requested Degree Name Changes**

In keeping with the requested department name change and, as an outgrowth of the consultative process with the Committee on Psychology at UCI and with Deans Guerra and Maurer, we request that our existing degree names be changed to mirror the change in our department name. Specifically, we request that the B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior be changed to B.A. in Psychological Science and that the Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior be changed to Ph.D. in Psychological Science. The proposed degree name changes are elements of the agreement reached by the Committee on Psychology at UCI, in concert with Deans Guerra and Maurer.

The agreement reached by the Committee on Psychology at UCI, together with Deans Guerra and Maurer, calls for complementary changes in the degree offerings of the Department of Cognitive Sciences. The Department of Cognitive Sciences will launch a B.S. in Psychology in Fall 2019. In 2022-23, and in consultation with both deans and departments, Cognitive Sciences will phase out the B.A. in Psychology. The Department of Cognitive Sciences also proposes to change the name of its M.A. degree from M.A. in Psychology to M.S. in Cognitive Sciences and the name of its Ph.D. degree from the Ph.D. in Psychology to Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences. Three different Master’s degree tracks (Cognitive Sciences, Cognitive Neuroscience, and Statistics) will lead to the Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences. Details regarding these proposed changes are addressed in proposals submitted by the Department of Cognitive Sciences. Please note that a letter from the Chair of Psychology and Social Behavior expressing support for these proposed changes is appended.

A number of universities (e.g., Yale University, Duke University, Ohio State University) offer both B.A. and B.S. degrees in psychology. B.A. degrees often provide greater breadth in course offerings within psychology, and students who pursue the B.A. degree also typically take more courses in fields outside the major. Students who pursue a B.S. degree typically take more
laboratory courses and courses in mathematics and the natural sciences, and take somewhat fewer courses in fields outside the major. Within the UC system, UC Davis, UC Riverside, and UC San Diego offer both B.A. and B.S. degrees in psychology; UC Los Angeles offers a B.A. in Psychology, a B.A. in Cognitive Science, and a B.S. in Psychobiology; UC Santa Barbara offers a B.A. in Psychology and a B.S. in Psychological and Brain Sciences. Students appear to be quite capable of comprehending the B.A.-B.S. distinction, and websites at many of these universities also provide guidance to students concerning the differences between B.A. and B.S. degrees in psychology. We believe that UCI students will be able to understand these differences as well, and department counselors and relevant websites will provide similar guidance for students.

The proposed degree changes for the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior are supported by the Committee on Psychology at UCI, Deans Guerra and Maurer, and the faculty of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior. These changes will allow the departments to offer training at the undergraduate and graduate levels that reflects each department’s respective emphases, strengths, pedagogical goals, and plans for growth. We also believe that the proposed changes to degree names and the degrees offered will better serve UCI undergraduate students and graduate students than do the current degrees. Less duplication and confusion will exist across the degrees to be offered, and we will create a website (described below), supplemented by enhanced training of undergraduate and graduate counselors, to advise students about the options for studying psychology at UCI and how these options differ. Again, students’ understanding of these different options will be aided by degree names that are considerably less duplicative and draw sharper distinctions than is the case currently.

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**Psychology at UCI Website**

Another outgrowth of the deliberations by the Committee on Psychology at UCI is a recommendation, supported by Deans Guerra and Maurer, to revive and enhance a largely dormant website that provides a broad overview of options for training in psychology at UCI. The current proposal has understandably focused on proposed changes and plans of the two departments at UCI that currently offer formal degree programs in psychology, the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Department of Cognitive Sciences. We recognize, however, that relevant courses and mentored research opportunities in psychology exist elsewhere at UCI, such as the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, School of Education, School of Nursing, and School of Medicine (among others). We will invite faculty from those units to participate in the website by listing relevant opportunities for undergraduate and graduate training in psychology. We believe that this portal will enhance the visibility and accessibility of information regarding options for training in psychology at UCI for internal and external constituents alike, thereby helping to enhance the stature and overall profile of psychological and cognitive sciences at UCI.
Psychology at UCI Committee: Charge

April 12, 2017

Karen Rook, Chair, Psychology and Social Behavior
Linda Levine, Professor, Psychology and Social Behavior
Chuansheng Chen, Professor, Psychology and Social Behavior
Ramesh Srinivasan, Chair, Cognitive Sciences
Michael Lee, Professor, Cognitive Sciences
Virginia Richards, Professor, Cognitive Sciences

We write to constitute a joint committee of the Departments of Cognitive Sciences and Psychology and Social Behavior to make recommendations regarding coordination between these two departments and our two schools. We seek your service on this committee.

Several efforts have taken place over the years for greater or lesser coordination between these departments. We would like to charge the committee to be forward-thinking and to advise us on possible future arrangements that help achieve the following goals:

1) Advancing the intellectual and research mission of cognitive and psychological sciences at UC Irvine at a whole. This is an opportune time to think about the departments’ strengths, given current faculty recruitments, central campus hiring initiatives that have benefited these two departments, the possibility of further growth based on enrollment, and the campus’s strategic plan.

2) Reducing confusion among undergraduates about the different degree programs offered.

3) Providing a single portal or shop front for branding purposes for external and internal constituencies, in order to enhance the departments’ stature and the overall profile of cognitive and psychological sciences at UC Irvine.

4) Addressing the concern of Psychology and Social Behavior faculty about their name and need to find an alternate that does not emphasize social behavior.

The work of the committee may entail assessing current coordination between the two departments at the level of undergraduate and graduate instruction; imagining new programs including cross-school BA/BS, MA/MS and PhD programs (even bringing in other partners, such as Bio Sci and Medicine); exploring coordinating mechanisms such as an executive committee with representatives from both departments, a meta-level “face” such as a “Division” (within the boundaries of the APM/APP), or some other option, and a new name for the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior.

Our intention in constituting this committee is not only to resolve the department name or designation problem that surfaced this year. It is rather to take the occasion of a confluence of factors (consistent and enhanced departmental strength; actual and potential growth; new leadership; and a new capital campaign) to see if it is worth rethinking even more broadly how we are currently doing things.

We will use your recommendations to weigh options for the future, as well as to help us make the case to the Provost for resource allocations for our units. We are setting a provisional deadline of July 1 for your recommendations. Thank you very much for this important service.

Bill and Nancy
April 26, 2018

ENRIQUE LAVERNIA
EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

Vote Summary: Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the Names of the B.A. and Ph.D. Degrees Offered by the Department

Votes of the faculty of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior for each of three proposed actions to change the name of the department, the name of its B.A. program, and the name of its Ph.D. program are summarized below.

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A total of 28 votes were cast of 28 eligible voters.

* The Chair expresses her support via memo and is not included in the vote summary.
* One faculty member is on leave.
April 9, 2018

To: Enrique Lavernia, EVC and Provost  
From: Nancy Guerra, Dean of Social Ecology  
Re: Proposal to change the name of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior and the names of the department’s degree programs

Dear Provost Lavernia,

I would like to offer my strong support to the proposal developed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior (appended) to change the name of the department and the names of its degree programs. Specifically, the department wishes to change its name to the Department of Psychological Science and proposes parallel changes to the names of its undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The current B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior would be changed to the B.A. in Psychological Science, and the current Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior would be changed to the Ph.D. in Psychological Science.

As noted in the proposal, the requested changes were considered through a process that included consultation with the Department of Cognitive Sciences, the Dean of the School of Social Ecology, and the Dean of the School of Social Sciences. To facilitate this consultation, the two Deans established a Committee on Psychology at UCI, charged with addressing the requested department and degree name changes in a way that would: advance the intellectual and research missions of cognitive and psychological sciences at UCI; reduce confusion among undergraduates about the different degree programs in psychology currently offered at UCI; foster the development of unified website designed to enhance the visibility and accessibility of information regarding options for training in psychology at UCI; and respond to faculty concerns that the current department name, Psychology and Social Behavior, conveys an overly narrow emphasis on social behavior (see appended charge to the committee).

The Committee on Psychology at UCI included representatives from both Psychology and Social Behavior and Cognitive Sciences and, through a series of meetings, it met the key objectives outlined in the committee charge and reached an agreement to support the department name change and changes in the names of undergraduate and graduate degrees offered by both departments. As described in the proposal, the agreement includes not only the changes requested by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior but also coordinated changes in the degree offerings of the Department of Cognitive Sciences, with its B.A. in Psychology replaced by a B.S. in Psychology, to be offered alongside an existing B.S. in Cognitive Sciences. At the graduate level, the Ph.D. in Psychology (including a concentration in Cognitive
Neuroscience) offered by Cognitive Sciences would be replaced by a Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences. Changes pertaining to these degrees within Cognitive Sciences will be described in a separate proposal.

I have discussed the proposed changes with the Chair of Psychology and Social Behavior, Karen Rook, and with Dean Bill Maurer. Both Dean Maurer and I met with the Committee on Psychology at UCI to discuss the proposed changes. I am satisfied, therefore, that the processes of consultation were thorough and that the proposed changes will benefit each of the departments and will offer a clearer and more appealing menu of options for training and research in cognitive and psychological sciences at UCI.

Further, as someone who has spent my career in a Department of Psychology, I agree that the name Department of Psychological Science is a better representation of both what the department offers and where the field is headed. Many departments across the country, as well as emerging professional associations, are changing their names to include mention of “science.” Further, the educational and research programs of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior do not focus specifically on social behavior in a manner that warrants including this phrase in the department’s name. As noted in the proposal, the department’s specializations currently include affective science, developmental psychology, health psychology, psychology and the law, and social/personality psychology. Later this year, the department will submit a proposal to add clinical psychology as a fifth area. As the department continues to expand, having a name and degree names that adequately reflect the breadth of emphases in the department is extremely important.

I believe that the proposed department name change and the coordinated degree name changes recommended by the Committee on Psychology at UCI will serve both departments well and will clarify and strengthen opportunities to recruit and training outstanding graduate and undergraduate students alike.

In sum, I strongly support this request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Guerra

Nancy Guerra, Dean
School of Social Ecology
April 19, 2018

KAREN ROOK
CHAIR, PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DEPARTMENT NAME AND UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS
CHANGES

Dear Karen:

The Department of Cognitive Sciences supports the following changes proposed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior:
1. Department name change to Psychological Science;
2. Undergraduate degree title change to: B.A. in Psychological Science;
3. Graduate degree title change to: Ph.D. in Psychological Science

Our understanding is that the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior also supports the following changes to our programs:
1. Offering of a B.S. in Psychology starting Fall 2019;
2. Review of our existing B.A. in Psychology in 2022-23 with the intent to sunset the program;
3. Change in our master’s degree title from an M.A. in Psychology to an M.S. in Cognitive Sciences;
4. Change in our graduate degree title from a Ph.D. in Psychology to a Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences

We believe these changes to our undergraduate and graduate programs, aligned with changes being proposed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior, will provide a comprehensive set of clearly delineated choices for training in Psychology and Cognitive Sciences at UCI.

Sincerely,

Ramesh Srinivasan
Professor and Chair
April 25, 2018

Ramesh Srinivasan
Chair, Department of Cognitive Sciences
University of California, Irvine

RE: Letter of Support for Degree Changes Proposed by the Department of Cognitive Sciences

Dear Ramesh,

The Department of Psychology and Social Behavior supports the following changes proposed by the Department of Cognitive Sciences to its degree programs:

1. Offering a B.S. in Psychology starting Fall 2019;
2. Reviewing the existing B.A. in Psychology in 2022-23, with the intent of phasing out this degree program;
3. Changing the title of the M.A. in Psychology to M.S. in Cognitive Sciences;

I appreciate your expression of support for the following changes proposed by the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior, as reflected in your letter dated April 19, 2018:

1. Changing the name of our department from the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior to the Department of Psychological Science;
2. Changing the title of our undergraduate degree from B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior to B.A. in Psychological Science;
3. Changing the title of our graduate degree from Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Behavior to Ph.D. in Psychological Science.

I believe that the proposed changes will allow our departments to offer training at the undergraduate and graduate levels that reflects their respective emphases, strengths, pedagogical goals, and plans for growth. In addition, the proposed name change for our department will better accommodate the range of research and training specializations within the department. We look forward to collaborating with you on an improved Psychology at UCI website that will help prospective students identify the academic program that best meets their needs and that will enhance the overall visibility and stature of psychological and cognitive sciences at UCI.

Sincerely,

Karen Rook
Professor and Chair