III.B.2 Name Changes of Schools and Colleges

Typically, simple name changes of schools and colleges are sought in order to accommodate popular and accepted changes in the nomenclature of an academic field or discipline (e.g., updated terminology used by current scholars in that area). A simple name change may not be used to accommodate substantial curricular changes or resource requirements of a school or college. (If substantive programmatic changes are associated with the name change, the campus should follow the procedures in Section IV. Reconstitutions of Academic Programs and Academic Units.) To initiate the process for a simple name change, the Dean of the school or college submits a rationale and justification of the name change to the Divisional Chair for approval. If the simple name change is approved by the Divisional Senate, it is forwarded to the Academic Council Chair.

Details of the Process

1. Upon approval by the campus administration and the Divisional Senate, the Chancellor sends the proposal to the Provost and the Council Chair. CCGA, UCEP, and UCPB assess whether the change is substantive and advise the Council Chair. If substantive programmatic/curricular changes or a substantial need for new resources are associated with the name change, the campus must follow the procedures in Section IV. Reconstitutions of Academic Programs and Academic Units.

2. If the name change does not present substantive programmatic/curricular changes or a substantial need for new resources, the Academic Council Chair places the name change proposal directly on the Academic Council agenda and then notifies the Provost of Council’s favorable review. The next step in this "simple name change" process is # 6 below.

3. If there are substantive programmatic/curricular changes or substantial new resources are indicated, the Council Chair notifies the Provost that the Senate wishes to review the proposal. CCGA, UCEP, UCPB, and any other Senate committees designated by the Council Chair, conduct a full review of the proposal.

4. The CCGA Chair convenes a Senate subcommittee with the chairs of UCEP, UCPB, and any other participating Senate committees to coordinate/expedite these reviews, as appropriate.

5. Senate review committees report their recommendations to the Academic Council. If review committees do not concur in their final recommendations, then the Academic Council Chair acts as an arbiter. The Council Chair notifies the Provost of the outcome of the Senate review.

6. The Provost recommends approval or rejection of the proposal to the President.

7. If approved, the Provost notifies the campus and other stakeholders.