

### **Resolution to Update Name for Proposed School of Education**

This resolution reflects the concerns and actions Faculty discussed during the April 23, 2018 meeting the Co-Provosts offices called for departments identified in the administration's proposed School of Education. In attendance at this meeting were faculty from the Departments of Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education (Kimberly Asner-Self, Daniel P. Hall, Debra A. Pender, Yanyan Sheng); Curriculum and Instruction (Heidi Bacon, Jerry Becker, Harvey Henson, Cheng-Yao Lin, Sebastian Loh, Grant Miller); and Workforce Education (Lin Zhong). Faculty at the meeting agreed to help distribute this resolution to those who were not able to attend.

We request the following:

*Whereas* the proposed RME name change from the College of Education and Human Services to the School of Education is not inclusive of the programs and faculty expertise proposed to be included in this new academic unit, and

*Whereas* the proposed RME name change has already restricted the identity of the proposed school because faculty within and outside of the academic unit have perceived it as merely housing "teacher education" programs, and

*Whereas* faculty within and outside of the proposed academic unit perceive a "School of Education" to imply early childhood education, elementary education, special education, middle school education, high school education (i.e. PreK-12), and administration in public schools, and

*Whereas* current programs may be prompted to pull out of the proposed School of Education because it reflects PreK-12 education rather than lifelong education, and

*Whereas* a majority of the current graduate programs proposed to be housed in the School of Education are not solely focused on PreK-12 or teacher education, and

*Whereas* a more inclusive and encompassing name for the proposed academic unit provides great potential in the fostering and growth of current programs and the development of innovative new programs the emphasize learning across one's lifetime (e.g. adult literacy education, adult rehabilitation, learning in digital environments).

*Therefore be it resolved* that the proposed "School of Education" be renamed "School of Learning and Development."

*Therefore be it further resolved* that the current RME be revised to reflect this updated name for the School of Learning and Development.