

Cherysa P Cortez

From: Shannon Timmons on behalf of Provost
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:21 AM
To: dylanr@ucr.edu; Leondra Michelle Jacobs; Cherysa P Cortez
Cc: Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury; Provostadmin
Subject: Request for Name Change for CRIS Center - Bourns College of Engineering
Attachments: RE: CRIS Name change; Re: CRIS Name change; Fwd: CRIS Name change; Re: CRIS Name change; 20190827105006972.pdf

Good morning Dylan, Cherysa and Leondra.

Attached please find supporting documentation for a request to change the name of the CRIS Program in the Bourn's College of Engineering, submitted for Academic Senate's review and approval.

Please contact Shannon Timmons at provostadmin@ucr.edu if you have questions or need additional information. The point of contact in BCOE is Amit Roy-Cowdhury at amitr@ece.ucr.edu.

Thank you,

Thomas M Smith, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
Professor of Education
4148 Hinderaker Hall
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From: Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury <amitr@ece.ucr.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Provost <provost@ucr.edu>
Cc: Chris Lynch <cslynch@engr.ucr.edu>; 'fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu' <fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu>; dylanr@ucr.edu; Gillian Wilson <gillianw@ucr.edu>; Matthew Hull <matthew.hull@ucr.edu>; Provostadmin <provostadmin@ucr.edu>
Subject: Name change for CRIS Center

Dear Provost Smith,

I am attaching a request to change the name of the CRIS center from Center for Research in Intelligent Systems to

Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems.

I recently started as the Director of the center, and have consulted with the Associate Director, the Advisory Board, and Dean Lunch. The attached memo provides an explanation for the name change. I look forward to hearing back from you soon. Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Sincerely,
Amit


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Amit Roy-Chowdhury

Professor and Bourns Family Faculty Fellow
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Director, Center for Research in Intelligent Systems
[University of California, Riverside](#)
951-827-7886
<http://vcg.engr.ucr.edu/amit/>

DATE: August 26, 2019

TO: Thomas Smith, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
University of California, Riverside

THROUGH: Christopher Lynch, Dean (see attached email) 
Bourns College of Engineering

FR: Amit Roy-Chowdhury, Professor and Director
Center for Research in Intelligent Systems

RE: Request to a name change for the CRIS center

As the new Director of the CRIS center, and after consultation with the Associate Director and Advisory Board, we propose to change the name of the center from Center for Research in Intelligent Systems to **Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems**. This provides a better description of the activities of the center, while keeping the same acronym. There is no change in the mission of the center. There have been a number of faculty hired in robotics and associated areas over the last few years, and it is expected to be a future growth area within BCoE. Robotics is also closely tied with advances in machine intelligence and data science, where there is significant presence at UCR. The center facilitates interactions between researchers working on the foundational principles of robotics and those interested in the application areas. The name change highlights the scope of the center within and outside UCR more clearly.

The Board of Advisors for the center approved of the name change. Dean Lynch supports the name change (see attached letter).

CC: Matthew Hull,
Associate Vice Chancellor
Financial Planning and Analysis

Fabio Pasqualetti,
Associate Professor and Associate Director
Center for Research in Intelligent Systems

Dylan Rodriguez,
Chair of the Academic Senate
Riverside Division

Gillian Wilson,
Interim Vice Chancellor for Research
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Attachment

From: [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#)
To: dylanr@ucr.edu; [Cherysa P Cortez](#)
Subject: RE: Request for Name Change for CRIS Center - Bourns College of Engineering
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 5:54:43 PM

Dylan and Cherysa:

Please note that CRIS is a research center, not a program. The center does not run any academic program.

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From: [Jay Farrell](#)
To: [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#); [Christian Shelton](#); [Darrel Jenerette](#); [Suveen Mathaudhu](#)
Cc: "fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu"
Subject: RE: CRIS Name change
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 11:43:38 AM

Agreed.

From: Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Jay Farrell <farrell@ece.ucr.edu>; Christian Shelton <cshelton@cs.ucr.edu>; Darrel Jenerette (darrel.jenerette@ucr.edu) <darrel.jenerette@ucr.edu>; Suveen Mathaudhu <smathaudhu@engr.ucr.edu>
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Amit

From: [Darrel Jenerette](mailto:Darrel.Jenerette)
To: [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](mailto:Amit.K.Roy-Chowdhury)
Subject: Fwd: CRIS Name change
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:04:40 AM

Here you go - I replied to Jay instead of group.

Darrel

Darrel Jenerette
Director, Center for Conservation Biology
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University of California Riverside

Begin forwarded message:

From: Darrel Jenerette <gdjen@ucr.edu>
Date: August 26, 2019 at 2:50:55 PM EDT
To: Jay Farrell <farrell@ece.ucr.edu>
Subject: Re: CRIS Name change

I agree. It's subtle but valuable change.

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To: [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#); [Jay Farrell](#); [Christian Shelton](#); [Darrel Jenerette](#)
Cc: ["fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu"](mailto:fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu)
Subject: Re: CRIS Name change
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:14:15 PM

Agreed! Sounds good to me.

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From: [Christian Shelton](#)
To: [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#)
Subject: Re: CRIS Name change
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 11:52:17 AM

I agree.

-Christian

Christian Shelton
Professor, Computer Science
University of California, Riverside

On Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 06:15:49PM +0000, Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury wrote:

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