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March 9, 2021

Jason Stajich
Chair of the Academic Senate, Riverside Division

Re: Simple name change for the Graduate School of Education

Dear Dr. Stajich,

The attached document proposes a simple name change of our School name from the Graduate School of Education to the School of Education according to the Compendium document. The proposal was approved by our School's executive committee on March 3, 2021.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Louie Rodriguez
Interim Dean
GSOE

To: Dr. Jason Stajich, Chair of the Academic Senate

From: Louie Rodriguez, Interim Dean, GSOE

Subject: Simple name change from the Graduate School of Education to the School of Education

Date: March 9, 2021

In consultation with the GSOE Faculty Executive Committee on January 25, 2021, and approved by the GSOE Faculty Executive Committee on March 3, 2021, and in alignment with section III.B.2 of the Compendium: University-wide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, and Research Units (September 2014) document, it is proposed that the UCR Graduate School of Education officially request a simple name change to *UCR School of Education* for the following reasons:

- The recent inclusion of undergraduate education majors in UC Graduate/Schools of Education has been a significant development across the UC system over the last several years. Whereas many Graduate Schools of Education have historically been spaces that solely served graduate students through various graduate-level programs such as the UCR GSOE, the successful introduction of a undergraduate major in education in 2017 suggests that a School of Education name is more reflective of our mission and identity
- A case-in-point is the UCLA GSOE&IS. They recently changed their name: <https://ampersand.gseis.ucla.edu/uclas-school-of-education-and-information-studies-new-name-reflects-expanded-undergraduate-opportunities/>
- One major benefit is our outwardly facing identity. We have heard on more than one occasion that prospective students are confused when they hear that we are a Graduate School of Education but house an undergraduate major in education. We hope that a School of Education identity will have a practical impact on prospective students and a tangible impact on our current students by creating a more inclusive name for all of the students we serve across our programs. In fact, GSOE undergraduates comprise of over 60% of our total student enrollment.
- In consultation with the GSOE Faculty Executive Committee and the Compendium document, we propose to officially change our name from the Graduate School of Education to the *School of Education*.
- In alignment with the Compendium document, we believe this falls under the category of a “simple” name change.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward this next chapter in our history at UCR.