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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to change the name of the Institute on Human Development and Disability to the David Ralston Institute for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be an agenda item for the August 15, 2025, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost Benjamin Ayers

Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC UNIT NAME CHANGE

Date: July 25, 2025

Department/Division: College of Family and Consumer Sciences

School/College/Unit: Institute on Human Development and Disability

Proposed Effective Term: Spring 2026

NAME CHANGE:

Current Name: Institute on Human Development and Disability

Proposed Name: David Ralston Institute for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Justification:

The faculty propose changing the name of the Institute on Human Development and Disability to the David Ralston Institute for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The honorific associated with this change was approved by the college's Cabinet in a vote in on June 12, 2025. This name aligns with the broader scope of the activities of the Institute upon the state support for establishing the David Ralston Center for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in FY25. The new name is also consistent with the state government's Division of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

The Institute will continue to provide offerings including the undergraduate and graduate certificates in Disabilities Studies and the Destination Dawgs program; research and evaluation; and outreach and programming as it has done under the auspices of the Institute on Human Development and Disability. The University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) will continue to be a part of the renamed Institute.

Under the new name, efficiencies related to the instruction, research, and engagement function can be achieved. The new Institute will serve as a hub for interdisciplinary preservice education in behavioral health and disability, research, evaluation, dissemination and technical assistance related to behavioral health and developmental disability. The expansion of the activities of the Institute on Human Development and Disability into the behavioral health arena, which were already occurring, warrants a title change reflecting the breadth of activities of the Institute.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

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College: College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Department: Institute on Human Development and Disability

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School/College:

- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean, Dr. Anisa Zvonkovic, 8/4/2025
- Director of the Institute on Human Development and Disability, Dr. Zolinda Stoneman, 8/4/2025