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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to change the name of the Department of Foods and Nutrition to the Department of Nutritional Sciences will be an agenda item for the March 26, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



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February 10, 2021

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The Department of Foods and Nutrition has voted to change the name of their department to the Department of Nutritional Sciences (19=Department of Nutritional Sciences, 2=Department of Nutrition). They also voted to change their departmental prefix from FDNS to NUTR (20=yes, 1=no).

The FACS Curriculum Committee voted unanimously to move both of these changes forward on February 10, 2021. The attached letter from the Department Head and Proposal for Academic Unit Name Change detail the justifications for these changes.

We are in support of these changes. Please let us know if there is any further information needed.

Sincerely,

Linda Kirk Fox, Dean  
College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Nickols Professor & Associate Dean for Academic Programs  
College of Family and Consumer Sciences



February 5, 2021

Dear Curriculum Systems and Academic Affairs Administrators:

I am requesting on behalf of the faculty in the Department of Foods and Nutrition that the name of the department be changed to the Department of Nutritional Sciences. I am also requesting that the prefix be changed from FDNS to NUTR. The requested name change is necessary to unite the diverse areas of scholarship within the department and better communicate faculty expertise areas to those outside of academia as well as current and prospective students, other academic institutions, potential collaborators, and funding agencies. The Department of Foods and Nutrition consists of faculty members conducting a wide range of nutrition-related research, from cell and molecular studies, to clinical studies of metabolism, to community-based efforts to improve nutrition and population health. The proposed new name (Department of Nutritional Sciences) achieves these goals and is consistent with the names of similar departments at peer institutions as well as the administrative structure of the University of Georgia and the University System of Georgia. Furthermore, the new name more clearly differentiates the department from the Department of Food Science & Technology, a unit within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

During this past year, faculty have carefully considered this decision and have engaged in meaningful discussions. Faculty response to Qualtrics survey confirmed a consensus that the name should be changed to either the Department of Nutritional Sciences or the Department of Nutrition. A special faculty meeting was held on Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> and a formal vote was taken for the name change as well as a separate vote for a new prefix.

Faculty votes for new name preference

- Department of Nutritional Sciences n=19
- Department of Nutrition n=2

Faculty votes to change prefix from FDNS to NUTR

- Yes n=20
- No n=1

As the department head, I strongly support this request to approve changing our departmental name and prefix.

Thank you,

Lynn B. Bailey, PhD  
Flatt Professor of Foods and Nutrition  
Department Head

Attachment: Proposal for Academic Unit Name Change and Prefix Change

## PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC UNIT NAME CHANGE

**Date:** February 5, 2021

**Department/Division:** Foods and Nutrition

**School/College/Unit:** College of Family and Consumer Sciences

**Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2021

### NAME CHANGE:

Current Name: Department of Foods and Nutrition

Proposed Name: Department of Nutritional Sciences

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Department of Foods and Nutrition consists of faculty members conducting a wide range of nutrition-related research, from cell and molecular studies, to clinical studies of metabolism, to community-based efforts to improve nutrition and population health. A name change is necessary to unite the diverse areas of scholarship within the department and better communicate faculty expertise areas to those outside of academia as well as current and prospective students, other academic institutions, potential collaborators, and funding agencies, which would aid in the pursuit of extramural funding. The new name achieves these goals and is consistent with the names of similar departments at peer institutions and also the administrative structure of the University of Georgia and the University System of Georgia. Furthermore, the new name more clearly differentiates the department from the Department of Food Science and Technology, a unit within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Name Change for the Department of Foods and Nutrition to the Department of Nutritional Sciences

Prefix Change from FDNS, Foods and Nutrition, to NUTR, Nutritional Sciences

**College:** College of Family and Consumer Sciences

**Department:** Foods and Nutrition

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2021

### Department:

- Foods and Nutrition Department Head, Dr. Lynn Bailey, 02/05/2021

### School/College:

- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean, Dr. Linda Fox, 02/05/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Sheri Worthy, 02/05/21

### Proposal Notification:

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean, Dr. Nick Place, 2/23/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Josef Broder, 2/23/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Assistant Dean, Dr. Douglas Bailey, 2/23/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Alan Dorsey, 2/23/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Dean, Dr. Benjamin Ayers, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Henry Munneke, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Mike Pfarrer, 2/23/21
- Odum School of Ecology Dean, Dr. John Gittleman, 2/23/21
- Odum School of Ecology Associate Dean, Dr. John Drake, 2/23/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/23/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 2/23/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Engineering Dean, Dr. Donald Leo, 2/23/21
- College of Engineering Associate Dean, Dr. Ramaraja Ramasamy, 2/23/21
- College of Environment and Design Dean, Dr. Sonia Hirt, 2/23/21
- College of Environment and Design Associate Dean, Ms. Ashley Steffens, 2/23/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. Dale Greene, 2/23/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Bringolf, 2/23/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Dr. Charles Davis, 2/24/21

- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Associate Dean, Dr. Maria Len-Rios, 2/24/21
- School of Law Dean, Mr. Peter “Bo” Rutledge, 2/23/21
- School of Law Associate Dean, Mr. Randy Beck, 2/23/21
- College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Kelly Smith, 22/23/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Duc Do, 2/23/21
- College of Public Health Dean, Dr. Marsha Davis, 2/23/21
- College of Public Health Associate Dean, Dr. Erin Lipp, 2/23/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew Auer, 2/23/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Associate Dean, Dr. John Maltese, 2/23/21
- School of Social Work Dean, Dr. Anna Scheyett, 2/23/21
- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Dr. Shari Miller, 2/23/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. Lisa Nolan, 2/23/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean, Dr. Andrew Parks, 2/23/21