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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the name of the existing Center for Global Health to the Global Health Institute will be an agenda item for the October 21, 2016, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

Sincerely,

William K. Vencill, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



The University of Georgia

College of Public Health
Office of the Dean

September 26, 2016

Pamela S. Whitten, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior VP for Academic Affairs
University of Georgia

Dear Provost Whitten,

The UGA College of Public Health would like to change the name of its Center for Global Health to the Global Health Institute (GHI). The Center was started several years ago with a focus on comparative health systems and has provided a mechanism for students to travel abroad and explore this topic. It also began offering credit courses, which now lead to an undergraduate minor or to an undergraduate and graduate certificate in Global Health. Currently nearly 200 students are either in the minor or a certificate program, and others attend individual courses without joining a program. We currently have three full-time faculty teaching these courses.

Given that at UGA “a center cannot be involved in the independent offering of credit courses or degree programs” we believe the program has outgrown its original status. Moreover, the new director of the program (Dr. Christopher Whalen) plans to further expand the curriculum to include new courses that cover a broader range of topics and eventually to submit a proposal for a new degree program in Global Health to be offered at the undergraduate level. It is an institute that “may be involved in the offering of credit courses and may offer degree programs.”

The college has also received a major gift to endow a distinguished professor who will be recruited this year to be based in the program. The gift further endows a fund to support students who conduct international research. We believe that institute status will be more appropriate for accomplishing those goals of our program and our donor.

I will gladly provide any further information required.

Sincerely,

Phillip L. Williams, Ph.D.
Dean

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NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College Name: _____
Proposed Name: _____

Department Name Changes:

Current Department Name:
UGA Center for Global Health

Proposed Department Name:
UGA Global Health Institute

Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name:	Degree
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Proposed Major Name:	Degree
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Minor Name Change:

Current Minor Name:	Degree
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Proposed Minor Name:	Degree
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Prefix Changes:

A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.

Current Prefix	Department	Proposed Prefix	Department
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JUSTIFICATION:

Attach a page justifying changes.

SIGNATURES:

School/College: 

Department: 