

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR DECISION

PRESENTED BY: Bob Tyler, Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

DATE OF MEETING: January 24, 2013

SUBJECT: **Name for the school of professional development**

DECISION REQUESTED:

It is recommended:

That Council approve that the school of professional development be named School of Professional Development, College of Engineering, and

That Council's Bylaws be amended to reflect the name of the school.

PURPOSE:

The name School of Professional Development, College of Engineering will ensure that the School's activities, which primarily are in support of the professional and educational needs of engineers and engineering students, are associated with the College and are not confused with other professional development activities and programming on campus.

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

On April 19, 2012, Council was presented with a motion to establish the School of Professional Development. Concerns were raised that the school might be perceived as being responsible for professional development activities broadly throughout the University, due to the lack of any reference to the College of Engineering in its name. Council therefore amended the motion to approve the establishment of a school of professional development in the College of Engineering, with the intent that a future recommendation would be submitted to Council for a name that would more closely associate the school with the College.

CONSULTATION:

The College has undertaken consultation with those units most likely to be affected by the name for the school. Letters of support are attached.

SUMMARY:

The Planning and Priorities Committee supports the name School of Professional Development, College of Engineering as it clearly identifies the school as an academic unit within the College of Engineering.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposal to establish the name for the school of professional development and supporting documents

Proposal

That University Council approve the name **School of Professional Development, College of Engineering** for the recently established academic unit in the College of Engineering.

Background

Previous University Council Discussion

On April 12, 2012 University Council passed the following motion:

That Council approve the establishment of a school of professional development in the College of Engineering and authorize the Board of Governors to provide for the establishment of such a school, and

That Council's Bylaws be amended to reflect the establishment of the school.

During the discussion, concern was expressed that the school might be perceived as being responsible for professional development activities broadly throughout the university.

The Chair of the Planning and Priorities Committee suggested that Council consider the establishment of the school as distinct from the name of the school, with the intent that a recommendation would be submitted to Council for a name that would more closely associate the school with the College of Engineering.

Consultations with Units on Campus

The College of Engineering is working to ensure long-term collaboration with units across campus that deliver credit and non-credit courses in professional development and related areas. The College will establish an advisory committee for the professional development programs offered by the School, and will be inviting partners on campus to play an active role in shaping the School's programs through this committee.

In regards to the name, the College has recently consulted with:

- the Centre for Continuing & Distance Education (letter of support attached)
- the College of Agriculture & Bioresources (letter of support attached)
- the Edwards School of Business
- the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts

Support from College of Engineering Faculty Council

On December 4, 2012, the College of Engineering Faculty Council endorsed the proposed name.

Honoric Naming of the School

The College of Engineering is working with University Advancement to consider an honourific name for the School. A request to add an honourific element to the name will be submitted to the Board of Governors following Council's approval of the academic name.



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Centre for Continuing & Distance Education

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December 17, 2012

Dr. Ernie Barber, Acting Dean
College of Engineering
University of Saskatchewan

Dear Ernie:

Karen Hayward and I met with Richard Evitts on December 6 and had an excellent discussion regarding plans for a school of professional development in the College of Engineering.

I am pleased to confirm that the Centre for Continuing and Distance Education supports the College of Engineering's proposed new name for its school of professional development. I understand that the new name will be "School of Professional Development, College of Engineering" and that the addition of College of Engineering to the name will appear in all communications and marketing. We believe this should effectively remove any public confusion regarding our role in professional development and that of the College of Engineering.

We look forward to many collaborative opportunities with the new School in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Cram".

Bob Cram, Executive Director,
Centre for Continuing and Distance Education

cc. K. Hayward, Director, Professional Development & Community Education, CCDE
R. Evitts, Acting Director, School of Professional Development, College of Engineering



College of Agriculture
and Bioresources



TO: Richard Evitts, Acting Director of the School of Professional Development
College of Engineering

FROM: Murray Drew, Associate Dean (Academic), College of Agriculture and Bioresources

DATE: December 11, 2012

Re: Support for the School of Professional Development, College of Engineering

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources strongly supports the establishment of the School of Professional Development by the College of Engineering. This new school will become the home of current faculty and staff in the Graham Centre for the Study of Communication and offer new opportunities for the development of innovative curriculum and scholarly work.

Communications is an essential competency for our students and courses offered by the Graham Centre have been key in allowing our students to meet this requirement. RCM 300 has become a part of our BSA common core and is fundamental to the academic development of students pursuing a variety of disciplines within our College. No matter what careers our students undertake, the development of communication is integral to success at work and indeed in all aspects of life. In addition to RCM 300, more senior RCM courses offer our students additional opportunities to broaden their communication and leadership skills.

The Graham Centre has been an important resource for our College, and the creation of the School of Professional Development promises to further expand academic offerings for our students. We look forward to working with the College of Engineering and their new School of Professional Development to provide outstanding academic experiences for our students.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Murray D. Drew".

Murray D. Drew
Associate Dean (Academic)
College of Agriculture and Bioresources



MEMORANDUM

TO: Ernie Barber, Dean,
College of Engineering

FROM: Alison Renny, Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs
Edwards School of Business

DATE: January 7, 2013

RE: Support for the Naming: School of Professional Development, College of
Engineering

This memorandum is to indicate that the Edwards School of Business supports the naming of the School of Professional Development, College of Engineering. We feel that the addition of the College of Engineering to the title of the school eliminates the possibility of confusion and allows for other vehicles for the delivery of professional development activities in other professional schools and colleges.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Renny', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alison Renny

cc Dean Daphne Taras, Edwards School of Business
Professor Richard Evitts, College of Engineering

January 14, 2013

Richard Evitts
Director, School of Professional Development
College of Engineering

Dear Professor Evitts,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity before the holiday to learn about the progress you and your colleagues are making toward the articulation of the new School of Professional Development in the College of Engineering. As you explained to me, the priorities and purview of this new School will integrate and highlight key dimensions of the professional preparation of engineering students. The name for this School announces the role it will play in your College, so that the centrality of this role is clear to all your students. Accordingly I support the naming of the School of Professional Development.

With my good wishes,



David Parkinson
Vice-Dean, Humanities and Fine Arts
College of Arts and Science