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TO: Academic Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 10

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Institute for Human Development and Life Course and Aging to change its name to the *Institute for Life Course and Aging*, effective September 2005.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority to approve name changes of academic units.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Institute proposes to re-focus its current mission and aging and the life course and place less emphasis on child development. This decision was reached at a forum of Institute members in January 2004. The name change was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on October 26, 2004.

The rationale for the decision rests on the outcome of an informal survey at the University showing that there are already a number of units dedicated to human development. In addition, the experience of members since 1996 indicated that human development researchers rarely engaged in longitudinal research that stretched to adulthood, a critical feature of life course and aging research.

The aging of the world population has placed gerontology at the forefront of the research and educational agenda, both nationally and internationally. In the next seven years, the Institute wishes to enhance its added value to the University by sharpening its original mission and goals to focus more on the life course and aging component of the mission.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the name change.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Academic Board approve:

THAT the Institute for Human Development and Life Course and Aging to change its name to the *Institute for Life Course and Aging*, effective September 2005.