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**Appendix 'G' of Report 132  
of the Academic Board**

TO: Academic Board

SPONSOR: Vivek Goel  
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DATE: December 21, 2004

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.



## School of Graduate Studies

University of Toronto

Revised (November 12, 2004)

October 27, 2004

Professor Vivek Goel  
Vice-President and Provost  
Room 225, Simcoe Hall  
27 King's College Circle  
University of Toronto

Dear Professor Goel:

At its meeting of October 26, 2004, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

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

The motion and supporting documentation are attached. The Division IV Executive Committee approved the proposal at its meeting of September 4, 2004.

On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to Governing Council committees, for approval.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Alderdice  
Secretary to SGS Council  
and Coordinator of Policy, Program and Liaison

Encl. (1)

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c.c. U. de Boni T. Chan A. Drummond C. Johnston H. Lasthiotakis (attachments)  
L. McDonald L. Yee S. Zaky (attachments)

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## Motion

### School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, October 26, 2004

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Item 8.

**8. Name Change of the Institute for Human Development, Life Course and Aging**

**MOTION ( / ) THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal from the Institute for Human Development, Life Course and Aging to change its name to the Institute for Life Course and Aging, effective September 2005.

*See attached.*

**NOTE:**

See rationale in the attached letter.

Institute members took this decision in January 2004.

There are no financial implications involved with this change.

Division IV Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of September 14, 2004.

With SGS Council approval this item will go to Governing Council committees for approval.



Institute for Human Development,  
Life Course and Aging

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

June 11, 2004

Professor Umberto DeBoni  
Associate Dean, Division IV, Life Sciences  
School of Graduate Studies  
65 St. George Street  
University of Toronto

Dear Professor DeBoni,

The Institute would like to change its name to the Institute for Life Course and Aging. The Institute proposes to re-focus its current mission on aging and the life course and place less emphasis on child development. This decision was reached at a forum of Institute members this past January.

The rationale for this decision rested on the outcome of an informal survey at the University of Toronto showing there are already a number of units dedicated to human development and that there is no need to duplicate. 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 of Toronto by sharpening its original mission and goals to focus more on the life course and aging component of the mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. McDonald'.

Professor Lynn McDonald  
Interim Director