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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 10 (b)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Department of Public Health Sciences to change the name of the Graduate Program of Community Health to the *Graduate Program of Public Health Sciences*, effective September 2005.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has general responsibility for monitoring minor changes within degree programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The designation "community health" is a historical one, when Community Health was the graduate "umbrella" for the programs for a number of separate academic departments. In recent years, some of these academic departments have established independent graduate departments (i.e., Exercise Science and Health, Policy, Management and Evaluation) and the others merged into the Department of Public Health Sciences. The name change has no implications for the nature of the current programs of the department - it simply creates consistency and eliminates confusion.

The name change was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on November 23, 2004.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information