



For Information

September 8, 2009

Memorandum to: Members of Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Subject: **Approval Under Summer Executive Authority**

The Governing Council, at its meeting of June 23, 2009, approved the annual delegation of authority to permit the President to act on behalf of the Council during the summer months. Council delegated authority for "approval of such additional curriculum changes as may arise for the summer and September 2009" and "decisions on other matters the urgency of which does not permit their deferral until the next regular meeting of the Governing Council or its appropriate standing committee or board." The delegation specified "that all actions taken under this authority be approved by the Chair of the Governing Council prior to implementation and reported to the appropriate committee or board for information."

No matter within the purview of the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs has been submitted for approval under summer executive authority to date in 2009.

However, in the light of the cancellation of the first meeting of the Academic Board, it might well be that the Committee's prospective adoption of the recommendation of item 9 on the current agenda would be submitted for approval under summer authority. That item, a proposal for a change in the name of the degree awarded to students in the Master's degree program in Public Health Sciences, would, subject to the Committee's adoption of the proposal, be forwarded for final approval under summer authority. That would enable students graduating this fall to opt to receive the renamed degree or to receive the current degree.

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