January 11, 2012

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the name of the Department of Veterinary and Radiology to the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Diagnostic Imaging will be an agenda item for the January 18, 2012, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead
Dr. Laura D. Jolly
October 10, 2011

Professor Jere W. Morehead
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Administration Building

Professor Morehead:

Please find attached documentation to support a departmental name change within our College. After much discussion, faculty in the Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Radiology have voted to change the name to the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Diagnostic Imaging. The prefix for the Department would change from VARB to VBDI. Prefixes for the courses will also change to VBDI, but there will be no change to the course content. The faculty vote was 9 yes, 3 no.

The Radiology Section of the department recently changed its name to Diagnostic Imaging and Radiotherapy to better reflect the services provided by our radiologists. The new section name parallels with similar programs at our peer institutions. Additionally, the department has greatly expanded its research focus over the last few years. A name change will demonstrate the basic science presence that now exists in the department. This will assist the faculty as they seek extramural funding by showing a collaborative research infrastructure within the department.

I completely support the department in this endeavor. Please let me know if you need additional information when considering this request.

Sincerely,

Sheila W. Allen, DVM, MS
Dean

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Enclosures
NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College Name: College of Veterinary Medicine
Proposed Name: ____________________________________________________________________

Department Name Changes:
Current Department Name: Veterinary Anatomy and Radiology
Proposed Department Name: Veterinary Biosciences and Diagnostic Imaging

Major Name Changes:
Current Major Name: ___________________________ Degree: ______
______________________________ Degree: ______

Minor Name Change:
Current Minor Name: ___________________________ Degree: ______
______________________________ Degree: ______

Prefix Changes:
A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.
Current Prefix: VARB
Department: Veterinary Anatomy and Radiology
Proposed Prefix: VBDI
Department: Veterinary Biosciences and Diagnostic Imaging

JUSTIFICATION:
Attach a page justifying changes.

SIGNATURES:
School/College: ___________________________ 10-10-11
Department: ___________________________
JUSTIFICATION FOR NAME CHANGE:

There are two important reasons for requesting this name change: 1) The Radiology Section of the Department recently changed its name to Diagnostic Imaging and Radiotherapy, to better reflect the scope of services provided by radiologists at major colleges of veterinary medicine. This new Section name is more in step with similar programs at our peer institutions, nationally and internationally. We believe it is important for recognition of the breadth and scope of our radiology-related programs, to now extend the Section name change to the Departmental level. 2) The Department has changed by greatly expanding its research focus in recent years. In 2008, 7 of the 10 faculty members had 0% research EFT assignments. The remaining 3 faculty members had research EFT assignments of 0.30, 0.45, and 0.80, for a combined total Departmental research EFT effort of 1.55. The present faculty members have a combined research EFT of 3.15. Searches are ongoing for two additional radiology positions that are expected to bring another approximate 0.45 research EFT, and a molecular biologist has been hired to start work in January 2012 who will add an additional 0.8 research EFT. Thus the mid-2008 Departmental research EFT of 1.55 is projected to be 4.40 by mid 2012, representing a 280% increase. Further reflecting change in the faculty profile, in 2008 there were 2 Graduate Faculty members in the Department, and presently there are 7 Graduate Faculty members. This number will increase to 8 with the arrival of the molecular biologist. The proposed name change is necessary to reflect the basic science presence that now exists in the Department. Among other things, showing this presence is vital to document availability of a collaborative research peer-support infrastructure within our Department, as our faculty members seek major extramural funding.
Oct. 4th, 2011

Dr. Sheila Allen, Dean
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dean Allen:

RE: VARB Department name change

In accordance with University of Georgia policies and procedures, please accept this letter and the accompanying form as our formal request to change the name of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Radiology to the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Diagnostic Imaging. The prefix for the Department would change from VARB to VBDI. Of the current 12 faculty members within the Department, 9 voted yes for the name change and 3 voted for no/continued discussion.

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Thank you for considering this request, and please let me know if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Steven D. Holladay

Steven D. Holladay, Ph.D.
Professor & Head