Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education for the following changes will be an agenda item for the January 22, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

- Change the name of the Department of Mathematics and Science Education to the Department of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education
- Move the administrative home of the Social Studies Education Program from the Department of Educational Theory and Practice to the Department of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education
Move the administrative home of the Social Studies Education Program faculty from the Department of Educational Theory and Practice to the Department of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education

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Move the prefix ESOC, Social Studies Education, from the Department of Educational Theory and Practice to the Department of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education in the course approval (CAPA) system

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav
PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC UNIT NAME CHANGE

Date: September 10, 2020

Department/Division: Mathematics and Science Education

School/College/Unit: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2021

NAME CHANGE:

Current Name: Department of Mathematics and Science Education

Proposed Name: Department of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education

JUSTIFICATION:

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Three faculty associated with the Social Studies Education program moved from the Department of Educational Theory and Practice (ETAP) to the Department of Mathematics and Science Education (MSE). This move was the culmination of a year-long process initiated by the Social Studies faculty and supported by both ETAP and MSE through formal votes.

Now that Social Studies is a program area that is a part of the existing Department of Mathematics and Science Education, a new name is needed to include that discipline in the department name. Several options were considered by the combined faculty, but they voted in favor of the requested name following discussion during a faculty meeting on August 18, 2020. The vote was 17 in favor of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education and two for an alternative name that had been suggested.

Structurally, the department will continue to function in much the way it has in the past. Two program areas previously provided preparation of secondary teachers in Mathematics Education and Science Education as well as offering courses for elementary education and middle grades majors. The Social Studies program also has courses for majors preparing to teach in secondary settings as well as for elementary education and middle grades. All three of these program areas will continue to provide these two strands of coursework for students within the college.
Documentation of Approval and Notification

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College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Education

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2021

Department:

- Mathematics and Science Education Department Head, Dr. Roger Hill, 9/10/20
- Educational Theory and Practice Department Head, Dr. Gayle Andrews, sent 10/16/20

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 9/24/20
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 9/24/20

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Dean, Dr. Ron Walcott, 10/14/20