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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to change the following prefix will be an agenda item for the February 21, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

From: SPED, Special Education

To: EDSE, Special Education

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Date: November 11, 2019

Department/Division: Communication Sciences and Special Education

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

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2020

PREFIX CHANGES:

Current Prefix and Name: SPED, Special Education

Proposed Prefix and Name: EDSE, Special Education

JUSTIFICATION:

The request for this proposed prefix change was initiated by students in the Mary Frances Early College of Education and was considered by the faculty within the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The term “SPED” was perceived by students and the larger general education community as being inconsistent with person-first language. Person-first language has been promoted as a mechanism to avoid defining people by their disability. The perception was that removing the prefix SPED, which is also used as a derogatory term to identify people with special needs, would allow students within the college to use language that was appropriate to their discipline.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Prefix Change from SPED, Special Education, to EDSE, Special Education

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Communication Science and Special Education

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2020

Department:

- Communication Science and Special Education Department Head, Dr. Cynthia Vail, 11/11/19

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 1/29/20