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Office of the President
December 14, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Education's Department of Administration and Supervision (EDA) to the Department of Educational Leadership Studies (EDL), effective for the spring 2005 semester.

Background: When the Department of Administration and Supervision was formed in 1968, it represented an important step in the development of advanced graduate preparation for practitioner-scholars in the field of education. EDA served the Commonwealth and the nation in preparing administrators and supervisors whose practice was soundly grounded in understanding research about practice.

Today, schools and other educational institutions require more than competent managers and supervisors. Contemporary education requires leaders who are effective practitioners and reflective scholars. These leaders, through their research, expand our knowledge and understanding of the complexities of education contexts, practices, innovations, and policies intended to promote student learning. Changing the name of the department signifies recognition of the changing nature of the discipline as well as the continuing contributions to the field and to the mission of the University of Kentucky. The change in name also signals the research community and potential students that the University of Kentucky continues in its role as the leader of developing innovations for the improvement of educational systems in the Commonwealth as well as nationally and internationally.

The proposal has been approved by the department faculty and the College of Education Courses and Curricula Committee; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure; and recommended by the Senate Council on behalf of the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____