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Office of the President
September 18, 2001

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Classical Languages and Literatures to the Department of Classics.

Background: When the Department was separated from German in 1969, the name Department of Classical Languages and Literatures was used in order to reflect the fact that the Department was almost exclusively concerned with the teaching of the Latin and Greek languages and literatures. Since that time, this department, and the field of Classics in general, has undergone a revolution in the nature of the courses taught. Classical civilization courses now comprise the bulk of department enrollments. None of the University's benchmarks has a Department of Classical Languages and Literatures. The preferred designation for Classics Departments today is either "Department of Classics" or "Department of Classical Studies." The name change brings the name of the Department into conformity with current usage within the university and within the academic community at large.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department and the College of Arts and Sciences; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and approved by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____