

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to change the name of the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Arts, Sciences and Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

The Board of Regents recently approved the transfer of the tenure and appointments of the faculty members of biochemistry, biology and mathematics from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Innovation and Technology. The tenure and appointments of education faculty were transferred from the School of Education and Human Services to the College of Arts and Sciences.

A name change is necessary to represent the reorganized unit more accurately. The unit's Executive Committee developed a process to determine a new name. They collected faculty and staff input. The University of Michigan-Flint's Office of Marketing and Communications provided expertise on branding to inform the process. A total of 117 faculty and staff responded to the most recent vote, with 77.8% in favor of changing the name to the College of Arts, Sciences and Education.

The proposed name is consistent with the advice provided by the branding expert who met with the Executive Committee. It is inclusive and clear. The terms "arts" and "sciences" are commonly used to refer to the liberal arts. These terms are broad and well understood to include a variety of disciplines including the arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences. The unit remains a vibrant hub for the liberal arts while also serving as a nexus for future educators. Approval of this new name will necessitate changes to the Regents' Bylaws Sections 6.02 and 11.18.

With the support of the interim chancellor, I request approval to change the name of the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Arts, Sciences and Education effective December 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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