February 24, 2016

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Mun Y. Choi, Provost
RE: Rename the Undergraduate Major in Psychology to Psychological Sciences

BACKGROUND:

In March of 2015, the Department of Psychology voted to change its name to the Department of Psychological Sciences, and the Board of Trustees was informed on August 5, 2015.

Consistent with this name change, the department’s Committee on Curriculum and Courses voted in February to change the M.A. degree offered by the department to an M.S. degree. The Board approved the modification to the Master’s degree on December 16, 2015, including the name change from Psychology to Psychological Sciences. The names of Ph.D. Fields of Study also changed from Psychology to Psychological Sciences following the December meeting.

To complete the renaming process, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Committee on Curriculum and Courses approved the renaming of the undergraduate major from Psychology to Psychological Sciences on October 13, 2015. Undergraduates will now be able to complete the requirements for either a B.A. or B.S. in Psychological Sciences. The renaming of the minor in Psychology to Psychological Sciences was also approved.