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At its meeting of April 20, 1992, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by Cecilia Mullen for the Organization and Government Committee.

**CHANGE OF TITLE
"DEPARTMENT" TO "SCHOOL"**

Resolved that,

An existing academic department may be designated a "School" if it meets the criteria and completes the procedures set forth in this policy.

1. Criteria

a. Similar academic units of comparable size and academic quality in comprehensive universities are frequently designated "Schools."

b. The applicant department must offer a terminal degree in a professionally oriented program.

2. Nomenclature

a. The title for the individual who administers a "School" shall be "Director." The Director's position is equivalent to a department chair and shall be reimbursed at the same level as department chairs.

b. The use of the title "Director" as administrative officer of a school does not exclude its use for other administrative positions in the University.

3. Procedures: All requests for change of designation from "Department" to "School":

a. Must be fully supported by appropriate explanation and documentation, including evidence that academic units at comparable institutions are so designated.

b. Must be approved by a majority vote of the faculty having voting rights in the department or academic unit as specified by UP S90-1.

c. Must be approved at each level by University committees and administrators in the following sequence:

1) College policy or Executive Committee

2) College dean (Where the degree recognized as professional qualification is a graduate degree and the department or equivalent is not part of any College, the application shall require instead approval by the Graduate Studies Committee and by the academic officer having decanal authority over the unit.)

- 3) Academic Senate Organization and Government Committee
- 4) Academic Vice President
- 5) President

4. Financial Impact

a. No new administrative positions (MPP) may be created by the designation of "Schools."

b. No additional departments may be created within a College as a result of the name change of a department to "School."

5. Departments designated as "Schools" under this policy remain departments within their Colleges for all purposes of other University policies.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Accepted as University Policy
Effective immediately

April 24th, 1992.

J. H. Oran Evans _____