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Dear Colleagues:

Attached for consideration at the January 12, 2007, Full UCC meeting is a request from the College of Education to change the name of the major in Reading Education to Language and Literacy Education under the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree.

Sincerely,

Dr. William K. Vencill, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
    Mr. Jere W. Morehead
September 11, 2006

Dr. Kathleen deMarrais
Associate Dean for Students, Curriculum, and Accreditation
The University of Georgia
College of Education
G-3 Aderhold Hall
Athens, GA 30606

Dear Dr. deMarrais

This is to indicate the unanimous support of the faculty of the Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLE) for the change in the name of our doctoral program.

As you know, LLE consists of the former departments of Language Education and Reading Education. The proposed name change reflects the reality of this new administrative and disciplinary structure. Our new department, and the name it bears, more precisely reflects the broader, more integrated field of field of literacy and language. Renaming our program also is a more accurate descriptor of the program itself, one in which students may take a broad, interdisciplinary approach that may include the teaching and learning of multiple literacies including reading, writing, literature, and first and second languages. Because our program is more integrated after the merger we believe strongly that its name should reflect that integration. Finally, I should note that no other program at UGA has this or a closely related name.

I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Professor and Chair
NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Major Name Changes: _

Current Major Name:  Degree  Proposed Major Name:  Degree 
Reading Education  PhD  Language & Literacy Education  PhD

JUSTIFICATION:

See attached pages justifying change.

SIGNATURES:

School/College: 

Department:  

[Signature]

Date:  [Signature]  8/30/02
Attachment I

Justification for Change of Name
from Reading Education PhD
to Language and Literacy Education PhD

Department of Language and Literacy
College of Education
University of Georgia

1. The new name, Language and Literacy Education, better represents the more integrated PhD program. Students take a broad, interdisciplinary approach that may encompass the teaching and learning of multiple literacies including reading, writing, literature, and first and second languages.

2. The name clearly represents the broader field of literacy and language, rather than more specific and limited reading or language education.

3. The name is different from any other department in the University of Georgia. The department will terminate the Language Education PhD.

4. The new name is consistent with trends in the field at-large. Ohio State University, University of Texas, Penn State University, University of North Carolina, Rutgers University, and University of British Columbia, to name a few, all have Departments of Language and Literacy Education.