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To: University Senate
From: Rebecca Andridge, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Change the name of the Master of Dental Hygiene Degree Program to Master of Science in Dental Hygiene
Date: April 12, 2023

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE PROGRAM TO MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE, COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

- Whereas the Master of Dental Hygiene is not a common degree but a tagged degree and individuals outside the field do not recognize it, and it is not a commonly used degree within the profession;
- Whereas students complete thesis research for partial fulfillment of the degree and the new title is recognizable and validates the rigor of the program; and
- Whereas respected peer institutions offer a Master of Science degree; and
- Whereas the structure and content of the degree will remain the same at 38 credit hours and the completion of a thesis and internship; and
- Whereas there are no anticipated changes to the descriptions of the curriculum, recruitment, admissions, institutional resources, program assessment or learning outcomes; and
- Whereas the proposal has the support of the Division of Dental Hygiene, and the College of Dentistry Dean; and
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed by the joint subcommittee of the Graduate School and the Council on Academic Affairs, and then approved by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on March 1, 2023; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to change the name of the Master of Dental Hygiene degree program to Master of Science in Dental Hygiene, and respectfully requests approval by the Board of Trustees.