

## Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Jennifer Higginbotham, Co-Chair, Council on Academic Affairs

Subject: Proposal to Change the Name of the Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees

Date: January 30, 2019

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S, AND DOCTORAL DEGREES FROM AERONAUTICAL AND ASTRONAUTICAL ENGINEERING TO AEROSPACE ENGINEERING; MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT; COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Whereas the merger between the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering implemented in 2010 resulted in the current Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Whereas the difference between the name of the department administering the degrees and the name of the degrees have led to some student confusion of who administers the current Aeronautical and Astronautical engineering degrees

Whereas the term Aerospace is more in keeping with 21<sup>st</sup> terminology and aligned with the degree names most often offered by our peer institutions

Whereas the proposal was unanimously approved by a meeting of all aerospace engineering faculty in the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering and was subsequently submitted to the program's external advisory board, which raised no objections

Whereas following unanimous approval of the proposal by the College of Engineering Council on Academic Affairs on September 27, 2019, it was reviewed by the combined subcommittee of the Graduate School/Council of Academic Affairs on October 24<sup>th</sup>,

approved by the Graduate Council on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and approved by the university's Council on Academic Affairs on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to change the names of the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees to Aerospace Engineering and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.