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## MEMORANDUM

March 19, 2008

To: C. D. Mote, Jr.

From: William L. Montgomery, Chair of the University Senate

Subject: Proposal by the Philip Merrill College of Journalism to Rename the Ph.D. In Journalism and Public Communication as the Ph.D. in Journalism Studies, Senate Document Number 07-08-29

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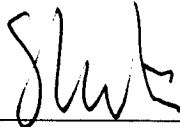
I am pleased to forward for your consideration the attached report entitled, "Proposal by the Philip Merrill College of Journalism to Rename the Ph.D. in Journalism and Public Communication as the Ph.D. in Journalism Studies." The proposal was presented by Carmen Balthrop, Chair of the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee. The University Senate approved the proposed policy at its March 13, 2008 meeting.

We request that you inform the Senate Office of your decision as well as any subsequent action related to your conclusion.

Enclosure: Senate Document 07-08-29  
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cc: Nariman Farvardin, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
C. D. Mote, Jr.  
President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRANSMITTAL AND ABSTRACT OF SENATE REPORT

**Date Presented to the Senate: March 13, 2008**

**Presenter: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee**

**Subject of Report: Proposal to rename the Ph.D. in Journalism and Public Communication as the Ph.D. in Journalism Studies**

**Senate Document Number: 07-08-29**

**Voting: (a) on resolutions or recommendations one by one, or  
(b) in a single vote  
(c) to endorse entire report**

### **A. Statement of Issue:**

The Philip Merrill College of Journalism proposes to rename the Ph.D. in Journalism and Public Communication as the Ph.D. in Journalism Studies. The name change will reflect more accurately the nature of the academic program, and will eliminate confusion with degree programs offered by the Department of Communication in the College of Arts & Humanities.

The proposal is submitted to the Senate by the Office of Academic Affairs following favorable recommendation by the Academic Planning Advisory Committee (APAC) on February 4, 2008 and the Graduate Programs, Curricula & Courses Committee on February 7. **The proposal is being submitted to the Senate Executive Committee for consideration for the March 13 Senate agenda, provisional upon approval by the Graduate Council on March 5 and by the Senate Programs, Curricula & Courses Committee on March 7. The Office of Academic Affairs requests that the Senate Executive Committee place the proposal on the March 13 Senate agenda to expedite approval and implementation. All necessary approvals will be in place by the time the full Senate meets on March 13. No controversy is anticipated.**

If the Senate approves the proposal, it would still require further approval by the President and the Chancellor (with notification to the Maryland Higher Education Commission).

**B. Recommendation:**

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve the name change, provisional upon a vote of its members on March 7.

**C. Committee Work:**

The Committee will consider the proposal at its meeting on March 7.

**D. Alternatives:**

The Senate could decline to approve the name change.

**E. Risks:**

If the Senate does not approve the name change, confusion could arise from disparities between the name of the degree program and its content, and the name of the degree program and the college in which it is housed.

**F. Financial Implications:**

There are no indications of a financial risk.