



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 19-03

**RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE “SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES”
TO THE “SCHOOL OF HEALTH”**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents (BOR) is incorporated to establish organizational units, to approve academic programs, and name UOG buildings and facilities;

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing and Health Sciences (SNHS) consists of the Nursing, Health Science, and Social Work programs;

WHEREAS, SNHS reviewed its strategic mission and academic plans and proposes that SNHS be renamed the “School of Health” to reflect a broader view of health, fitness, personal, and social well-being related to their work in academics, service, and research for Guam and the region;

WHEREAS, the assessment of this name change began in Spring of 2016, and included review and approval by three SNHS Student Organizations (Nursing, Health Science, and Social Work); the SNHS Academic Affairs Committee on May 9, 2017; the Nursing Advisory Committee on November 14, 2017 (reaffirmed in April 2018);

WHEREAS, the Nursing Advisory Committee includes members from Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC); Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA); the Veterans Affairs (VA); U.S. Naval Hospital; Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS); Guam Behavior Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC); Guam Department of Education GDOE); Health Services of the Pacific (HSP); Guam Community College (GCC); TakeCare; Guam SurgiCenter; Guam Nurses Association (GNA); American Pacific Nurses Leaders’ Council (APNLC); a representative from Senator Dennis Rodriguez’s Office; and other community members with interest in nursing on Guam;

WHEREAS, the name change request was placed on hold until the completion of two significant events in August 2018: the Nursing Program Accreditation Site Visit and accreditation decision, and the 50th Anniversary of the first graduating class of nursing students from UOG;

WHEREAS, the Dean of SNHS submitted the request for the name change via memorandum, dated October 9, 2018 for approval; and

WHEREAS, the President, together with the Academic, Personnel and Tenure (AP&T) committee and the Physical Facilities committee, recommend that the BOR approve the renaming of SNHS to the "School of Health."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR approves the renaming of SNHS to the "School of Health," effective immediately upon the signing of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the facility occupied by SNHS will also be designated as the "School of Health" building.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2019.

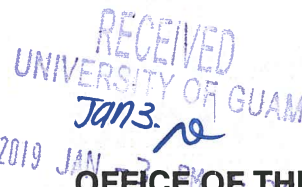
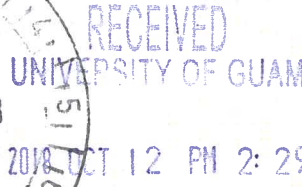
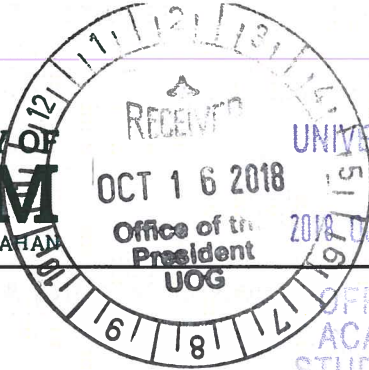


Christopher K. Felix, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary



OFFICE OF THE DEAN

School Of Nursing And Health Sciences

October 9, 2018

TO: Dr. Thomas Krise, President

VIA: Dr. Anita B. Enriquez, Senior Vice President, A&SA

FROM: Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, Dean, SNHS

SUBJECT: Request to Change School Name to "School of Health"

Buenas President Krise. I am requesting approval to change the name from the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to the **School of Health**. We will then use the designations of Division of Nursing and Health Sciences, and Division of Social Work as needed, to specify the specific divisions within the School.

The recommendation to change the name has been discussed since Spring 2016, with various names proposed. The School faculty agreed upon the name: School of Health and brought the proposal to program students through the three school Student Organizations (Health Science, Nursing, and Social Work), and stakeholders such as the Social Work association and the Nursing Advisory Committee (see attached letters of support). After much deliberation, and consultation with stakeholders, the School Academic Affairs committee voted to change the name on May 9, 2017. The Nursing Advisory Committee approved the name change on Nov. 14, 2017 and the letter of support received from the chairperson on February 2018. This support was reaffirmed in the Spring Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting in April 2018.

The Social Work and Health Sciences programs received unanimous support for the change in the Fall 2017. We had decided to wait until two significant events were completed, prior to requesting a name change. The events were the Nursing Program Accreditation Site Visit and accreditation decision, and the 50th anniversary of the first graduating class of nursing students. Those events concluded this August 2018 and we feel this is the most appropriate time to request the change.

The name change reflects a more broad view of health, espoused by our current programs. The name: School of Health, fits the mission and goals of the school. We feel that the current name is limiting and is not representative of all programs; furthermore, the name has


limitations in that we are often perceived as only a Nursing program with misconceptions about the breadth and depth of our work in academics, service, and research. The name: “School of Health” does reflect our mission to improve the health, fitness, personal, and social well-being of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific. I believe this name sets a strong foundation for growth of our programs, services, and research agendas and will benefit the UOG and island community. Thank you for your consideration.



February 13, 2018

TO: Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President

VIA: Dr. Anita B. Enriquez, Senior Vice President, A&SA
Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, Dean, SNHS

FROM: Kathleen Encina Ho, RN, BSN, Chair of the Nursing Advisory Committee 

SUBJECT: Request to Change the School Name to "School of Health"

Dear President Underwood,

As the Chairperson of the UOG School of Nursing Advisory Committee, I submit this letter of support for the program's request to change the name from the "School of Nursing and Health Sciences", to the "School of Health" with the Nursing program identified as the "Division of Nursing". The Dean and faculty have presented this change to the Nursing Advisory Committee during the April 22, 2017 meeting. The Dean expressed the view that the "School of Health" would best fit the current programs within the School: Nursing, Social Work, and Health Sciences. The name represents a more broad view of health and fits the mission and goals of the School. The Nursing Advisory Council voted to support this name change on Nov. 14, 2017 in the Fall 2017 meeting.

The nursing profession has long held a holistic view of health that incorporates physical, psychosocial, and sociocultural dimensions of a person and their community. This name change fits within our nursing philosophy and does not diminish from the significance of our Nursing Program. The NAC members did not object to this name change, and understand the broad mission of the School.

We support this initiative and continue to support the work and dedication of our Nursing program faculty, staff, and Dean. The Nursing Advisory Committee includes members from GRMC, GMHA, the VA, US Naval Hospital, DPHSS, GBHWC, GDOE, HSP, GCC, TakeCare, Guam SurgiCenter, GNA, APNLC, a representative of Sen. Dennis Rodriguez, and other community members with an interest in nursing on Guam. The NAC provides feedback and guidance to the program faculty and administrator. The feedback is meant to assist in the provision of a quality education for our nursing students and members are committed and actively participate. The nursing community is a strong collaborator and is a vital partner in the education of our future nurses, and in the shaping of our health care workforce on the island. Thank you for this opportunity to provide assistance to our nursing program.