February 2, 2007

TO ELLEN A. WARELLA
EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR & PROVOST

FM: THOMAS COGSWELL
CHAIR, RIVERSIDE DIVISION

RE: PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

The proposed name change request from the Department of Plant Pathology was sent out to the relevant Senate Committees for review and comments, and the committees, including the Advisory Committee unanimously approved the name change to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology at the December 11, 2006 meeting as proposed.

It will be voted on at the February 20th Division meeting.

Cc: Interim Dean Don Cooksey
Michael Allen, Chair, Plant Pathology and Microbiology
L. Nunney, Chair Executive Committee
Registrar
Bryce Mason
November 3, 2006

TO: THOMAS COGSWELL, CHAIR
RIVERSIDE DIVISION

FROM: ANTHONY NORMAN, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET

RE: PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

The Committee on Planning and Budget has reviewed the proposal for the proposed name change for the Department of Plant Pathology. The committee noted that the name change requires no resources and in the absence of any adverse budget consequences, and because it appears to meet the needs of the faculty members of the department, we unanimously approve the name change to the proposed new name of Plant Pathology and Microbiology.
November 29, 2006

TO: THOMAS COGSWELL, CHAIR
RIVERSIDE DIVISION

FM: EUGENE NOTHNAGEL, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

RE: CEP RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

The Committee on Educational Policy met on November 29 and discussed the proposal for a name change for the Department of Plant Pathology. We unanimously (10 yes and 2 unavailable) endorse the change to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology and wish the department success in recruitment efforts.
November 22, 2006

Thomas Cogswell, Chair
Riverside Division
Academic Senate

At its meeting of Wednesday, November 15, 2006, the Graduate Council considered the proposed name change for the Department of Plant Pathology to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology. The Council has no objection to this change.

R. Robert Russell, Chair
Graduate Council

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Riverside: Office of the Academic Senate
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

November 6, 2006

To: Thomas Cogswell
   Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Allen Zych
   Chair, Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Proposed Name Change for the Department of Plant Pathology

CAP supports this name change to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology.
Memorandum

25 October 2006

TO: Thomas Cogswell
   Chair, Academic Senate, Riverside Division

FR: Ellen Wartella
    Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

RE: Proposed Name Change for the Department of Plant Pathology

I am writing to request that, per the enclosed campus procedures for a department name change, the appropriate Senate committees review this proposal to change the name of the Department of Plant Pathology and forward the item to the Division for action.

As you can see from the enclosed memoranda, the Dean of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences and the Executive Committee support the change to append microbiology to the department name. I believe this change will better reflect CNAS’ strengths and benefit faculty and student recruitment for the department.

Once there is a positive vote in the Division and the minutes are published, I will forward the name change and supporting documentation to the Office of the President per section III.A of the University-wide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, and Research Units (also known as the Compendium).

cc: Memorandum of support from Dean Angle
    Memorandum of support from CNAS Executive Committee Chair Redak
    Name change request from Chair Allen
    Campus procedures for department name changes
October 18, 2006

To: Ellen Wartella  
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

From: Steve Angle  
Dean, CNAS

Re: Proposed Name Change for the Department of Plant Pathology

I received the enclosed proposed name change request from the Department of Plant Pathology. Campus procedures call for the dean to pass the recommendation to the College Executive Committee for a recommendation and then to forward this along with a separate recommendation to you.

The proposed name change to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology will benefit the faculty and student recruiting efforts and will better reflect CNAS' current strengths in these areas.

I have reviewed all supporting documentation and the votes of both the faculty in the Plant Pathology Department and the CNAS Executive Committee. Accordingly, I recommend in favor of the proposed name change.

ATT.
Executive Committee,
College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences,
University of California, Riverside

Memo

To: Steve Angle, Dean, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
From: Rick Redak, Chair, CNAS Executive Committee
CC: Susan Stracener, Dean’s Office, CNAS; Mike Allen, Chair, Dept. of Plant Pathology; Linda Walling, Associate Dean, CNAS, Len Nunney, CNAS Exec. Committee Chair Elect
Date: 8/28/2006
Re: CNAS Executive Committee Recommendation on Proposed Name Change for the Department of Plant Pathology.

At the 9 August 2006 meeting of the CNAS Executive Committee, the proposal for a name change for the Department of Plant Pathology was discussed and reviewed. After considerable discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously approved (13 yes, 1 abstaining) the request to rename the Department of Plant Pathology to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology. The Executive Committee feels that the proposed name change will only benefit Colleges efforts and highlight the present and future College strengths within the fields of both Plant Pathology and Microbiology. The Executive Committee is of the unanimous opinion that the proposed name change will benefit our faculty and student recruiting efforts and will better reflect our current strengths in these areas. We urge you to move forward on the recommendation as expeditiously as possible.
July 19, 2006

To: Rick Redak, Chair, CNAS Executive Committee

From: Steve Angle, Dean, CNAS

Re: Request for Name Change in Dept. of Plant Pathology

Attached please find a request from the Dept. of Plant Pathology to change their name to the Dept. of Plant Pathology and Microbiology.

Also enclosed is the campus procedure for name change for an academic department. I request that the Executive Committee review the proposed name change and make a recommendation, as the procedure requires.

If you need additional information, or would like to discuss this issue, please feel free to contact me. Thanks to you and the Committee in advance for taking the time to review this request. I look forward to receiving the recommendation.

ATT.

cc: Don Cooksey, Assoc. Dean, CNAS
In 1997, we submitted a proposal for a name change from the Department of Plant Pathology to the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology. The primary intent of this name change was to provide broader visibility for our expanded mission in teaching and research, and to provide a stronger departmental advocacy for the development of the microbiological sciences than presently exists at UCR. The proposal faced unexpected opposition from one department, which anticipated an external impression that all microbiology at UCR would be plant-associated microbiology. This was not our intent, and indeed, our faculty now includes microbiologists who are not plant microbiologists. We understand that this opposition has now been reversed, and we are thus resubmitting our proposed name change. Our faculty composition has changed considerably since 1997, but we have continued to discuss and support this name change in numerous faculty meetings. During the week of May 21-25, 2001, we voted for the attached proposal by secret ballot. For Academic Senate members, the vote was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 unavailable. For Cooperative Extension Specialists, the vote was 1 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, and 1 unavailable.

In October 2005, we discussed and unanimously agreed to try yet again to change the name. During the week of 23 January 2006, we voted again using a secret ballot. The vote was unanimous in support of the name change, with 4 individuals not voting. Executive Dean Cooksey did not vote as he will be involved in future decisions and three faculty members were traveling.

The justification for this name change is greater today than it was in 2001 or in 1997. Since that time, we have added significantly to our department faculty in the microbiological sciences, and we have assumed a major role in teaching microbiology classes at UCR. Microbiology research is an area of traditional strength at UCR and one where we have an opportunity to achieve great distinction. UCR has microbiologists in eight departments in three different colleges or divisions, with the largest number housed in Plant Pathology. However, no departmental name reflects a commitment to this discipline. The Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Microbiology has been placed on hold, and we strongly believe that creating a graduate program in Plant Pathology and Microbiology will strengthen both programs. We believe that it will develop as two tracks within a single program, with opportunities for cooperating faculty, in the manner undertaken by a number of faculty in Life Sciences in different graduate programs- both as collaborating and cooperating faculty, and in interdepartmental programs. We are committed to creating a program that is inclusive of our colleagues in Microbiology from all appropriate Departments. By this means, we wish to advance the field of microbiology at UCR, and we believe that our departmental name change will facilitate this effort.

The following new name is submitted for approval:

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE
Justification for Change of Name from Department of Plant Pathology

Microbiology at UCR. Our campus has significant strengths in applied microbiological sciences, including i) plant, insect, and clinical pathology, ii) microbial ecology, and iii) microbiological aspects of the environmental sciences and engineering, such as bioremediation, water quality, and toxicology. We anticipate continued growth in these areas and in the fundamental microbiological sciences to support these applications. In addition, we anticipate increased demand for undergraduate and graduate education in microbiology.

There are 28 microbiologists at UCR affiliated with the Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Microbiology. These include faculty from the following eight departments, divisions, or colleges: Biology (2), Biomedical Sciences (1), Cell Biology and Neuroscience (1), Engineering (3), Entomology (2), Environmental Sciences (5), Nematology (1), and Plant Pathology (13). We are currently undertaking searches for a Prokaryote biologist, and for a cooperative extension position, both of whom will be microbiologists as well as plant pathologists. Therefore, adding "Microbiology" to our department name would formalize our commitment to the growth of this discipline and enhance its visibility at UCR.

Microbiology and our departmental mission. Our primary mission as a Department of Plant Pathology continues to be research, teaching, and extension in the biology of plant pathogens and their control. The department is one of the largest in the country and maintains a strong balance between research in basic pathogen biology and research and extension activities directed toward disease management. However, UCR lacks a strong infrastructure in more fundamental microbiology that would support our applied efforts and those of other microbiologists on campus. With no other department visibly promoting growth in fundamental microbiology, we have expanded our mission to include microbiology research and teaching in support of plant pathology and other microbiological programs at UCR. With this expanded mission, we have increased our teaching role in microbiology and have proposed new faculty positions in areas such as the molecular biology of host-microbe interaction, evolutionary microbiology, metabolic microbiology and invasive and emergent pathogens.

Microbiology teaching. Faculty in the Department of Plant Pathology currently teach eleven undergraduate microbiology courses, including nine listed as core requirements or electives for the Microbiology Track of the Biological Sciences undergraduate major (PLPA 120, 121, 134, 134L, MCBL 121, 121L, 122, 123, 124, 133, and 134). In addition, the faculty offer graduate courses in Microbiology, Mycology, and Virology, disciplines integral to Microbiology as a discipline as well as plant and animal pathology.

The Microbiology track within the Plant Pathology and Microbiology Graduate Program will serve as a mechanism to link faculty and students in the various academic units that contain microbiologists. Microbiologists with positions in other Departments will be encouraged to participate fully as cooperating faculty in the graduate program, just as in many other departmental programs. Such positions may find homes in our department, in other academic units, or jointly with other units. The presence of a department with "Microbiology" in its name may help to attract both faculty and students interested in this field.

Why "Plant Pathology and Microbiology"? Plant Pathology remains our primary mission, consistent with the resources allocated to the department to fulfill the mission of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Therefore, it is essential to retain Plant Pathology in our departmental name, as well as placing it first. The general "Microbiology" was chosen, rather than more specific areas of microbiology, since we do not wish to limit ourselves to hiring plant microbiologist or other applied microbiologists. Our goal is to facilitate the broader research and teaching efforts in microbiology on campus. We recently hired a fungal population biologist and a vector/molecular interaction virologist. We are currently recruiting for a basic prokaryote biologist, and are simultaneously recruiting for a subtropical CE specialist, who would likely have particular strengths in mycology, prokaryotic biology, or virology. We feel that it is more realistic to add the name "Microbiology" to a department with existing strengths and a commitment to this discipline, rather than create a new department of Microbiology.