

## Cherysa P Cortez

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**From:** Shannon Timmons on behalf of Provost  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** dylanr@ucr.edu; Leondra Michelle Jacobs; Cherysa P Cortez  
**Cc:** Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury; Provostadmin  
**Subject:** Request for Name Change for CRIS Center - Bourns College of Engineering  
**Attachments:** RE: CRIS Name change; Re: CRIS Name change; Fwd: CRIS Name change; Re: CRIS Name change; 20190827105006972.pdf

Good morning Dylan, Cherysa and Leondra.

Attached please find supporting documentation for a request to change the name of the CRIS Program in the Bourn's College of Engineering, submitted for Academic Senate's review and approval.

Please contact Shannon Timmons at [provostadmin@ucr.edu](mailto:provostadmin@ucr.edu) if you have questions or need additional information. The point of contact in BCOE is Amit Roy-Cowdhury at [amitrc@ece.ucr.edu](mailto:amitrc@ece.ucr.edu).

Thank you,

Thomas M Smith, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
Professor of Education  
4148 Hinderaker Hall  
University of California, Riverside  
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**From:** Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury <[amitrc@ece.ucr.edu](mailto:amitrc@ece.ucr.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Provost <[provost@ucr.edu](mailto:provost@ucr.edu)>  
**Cc:** Chris Lynch <[cslynch@engr.ucr.edu](mailto:cslynch@engr.ucr.edu)>; 'fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu' <[fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu](mailto:fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu)>; [dylanr@ucr.edu](mailto:dylanr@ucr.edu); Gillian Wilson <[gillianw@ucr.edu](mailto:gillianw@ucr.edu)>; Matthew Hull <[matthew.hull@ucr.edu](mailto:matthew.hull@ucr.edu)>; Provostadmin <[provostadmin@ucr.edu](mailto:provostadmin@ucr.edu)>  
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Sincerely,  
Amit


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Amit Roy-Chowdhury

Professor and Bourns Family Faculty Fellow  
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Director, Center for Research in Intelligent Systems  
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**DATE:** August 26, 2019

**TO:** Thomas Smith, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
University of California, Riverside

**THROUGH:** Christopher Lynch, Dean (see attached email)   
Bourns College of Engineering

**FR:** Amit Roy-Chowdhury, Professor and Director  
Center for Research in Intelligent Systems

**RE:** Request to a name change for the CRIS center

As the new Director of the CRIS center, and after consultation with the Associate Director and Advisory Board, we propose to change the name of the center from Center for Research in Intelligent Systems to **Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems**. This provides a better description of the activities of the center, while keeping the same acronym. There is no change in the mission of the center. There have been a number of faculty hired in robotics and associated areas over the last few years, and it is expected to be a future growth area within BCoE. Robotics is also closely tied with advances in machine intelligence and data science, where there is significant presence at UCR. The center facilitates interactions between researchers working on the foundational principles of robotics and those interested in the application areas. The name change highlights the scope of the center within and outside UCR more clearly.

The Board of Advisors for the center approved of the name change. Dean Lynch supports the name change (see attached letter).

**CC:** Matthew Hull,  
Associate Vice Chancellor  
Financial Planning and Analysis

Fabio Pasqualetti,  
Associate Professor and Associate Director  
Center for Research in Intelligent Systems

Dylan Rodriguez,  
Chair of the Academic Senate  
Riverside Division

Gillian Wilson,  
Interim Vice Chancellor for Research  
Office of Research and Economic Development

Attachment

**From:** [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#)  
**To:** [dylanr@ucr.edu](mailto:dylanr@ucr.edu); [Cherysa P Cortez](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Name Change for CRIS Center - Bourns College of Engineering  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 5:54:43 PM

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Dylan and Cherysa:

Please note that CRIS is a research center, not a program. The center does not run any academic program.

Amit

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**From:** [Jay Farrell](#)  
**To:** [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#); [Christian Shelton](#); [Darrel Jenerette](#); [Suveen Mathaudhu](#)  
**Cc:** "[fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu](mailto:fabiopas@engr.ucr.edu)"  
**Subject:** RE: CRIS Name change  
**Date:** Monday, August 26, 2019 11:43:38 AM

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Agreed.

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**From:** Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Jay Farrell <farrell@ece.ucr.edu>; Christian Shelton <cshelton@cs.ucr.edu>; Darrel Jenerette (darrel.jenerette@ucr.edu) <darrel.jenerette@ucr.edu>; Suveen Mathaudhu <smathaudhu@engr.ucr.edu>  
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Amit

**From:** [Darrel Jenerette](mailto:Darrel.Jenerette)  
**To:** [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](mailto:Amit.K.Roy-Chowdhury)  
**Subject:** Fwd: CRIS Name change  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:04:40 AM

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Here you go - I replied to Jay instead of group.

Darrel

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Darrel Jenerette  
Director, Center for Conservation Biology  
Professor, Department of Botany and Plant Sciences  
University of California Riverside

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Darrel Jenerette <[gdjen@ucr.edu](mailto:gdjen@ucr.edu)>  
**Date:** August 26, 2019 at 2:50:55 PM EDT  
**To:** Jay Farrell <[farrell@ece.ucr.edu](mailto:farrell@ece.ucr.edu)>  
**Subject: Re: CRIS Name change**

I agree. It's subtle but valuable change.

Darrel

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On Aug 26, 2019, at 11:43 AM, Jay Farrell <[farrell@ece.ucr.edu](mailto:farrell@ece.ucr.edu)> wrote:

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**Subject:** Re: CRIS Name change  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:14:15 PM

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Agreed! Sounds good to me.

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**From:** [Christian Shelton](#)  
**To:** [Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CRIS Name change  
**Date:** Monday, August 26, 2019 11:52:17 AM

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I agree.

-Christian

Christian Shelton  
Professor, Computer Science  
University of California, Riverside

On Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 06:15:49PM +0000, Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury wrote:

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October 21, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Djurdjica Coss, Chair  
Committee on Research

RE: Campus Review: [ ORU Name Change] From Center for Research in Intelligent Systems (CRIS) to Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems (CRIS)

The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed name change and had no comments.

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

October 17, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Graduate Council



**Re: [Campus Review] ORU Name Change: From Center for Research in  
Intelligent Systems (CRIS) to Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems  
(CRIS)**

Graduate Council discussed the proposed ORU name change from the Center for Research in Intelligent Systems (CRIS) to the Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems (CRIS) and was supportive of the proposed change.

November 18, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Philip Brisk, Chair  
Bourns College of Engineering Executive Committee

Re: **CRIS Center Renaming**

Dear Dylan,

At the November 18 meeting of the BCOE Executive Committee, we considered a proposal to rename the Center for Research in Intelligent Systems (CRIS) to the Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems (CRIS).

The BCOE Executive Committee discussed the proposal, and unanimously voted to rename the center to the Center for Robotics and Intelligent Systems (CRIS). (Please note that the Committee's recommendation differs from the proposed change: "Center for" in lieu of "Center on").

Professor Amit Roychoudhary, the Center Director, was present for the discussion and agreed with the proposed change. One of the Committee members did a Google search and discovered that "Center for ..." is a significantly more common naming convention than "Center on ..." for academic research centers.

Sincerely,



Philip Brisk