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Dear UGC-

I am sending this message to you per Karen Sprague.

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Dear UGC members-

I'm sorry for the rush (budget negotiations side-tracked me), but am belatedly following up on our 10-21-08 discussion of the request to change the name of the Department of Teacher Education to the Department of Education Studies. The Council wanted clarification of several points, and I promised to get it, after first checking my list of points with you.

Here's the list, and I'd be grateful if you could check it and correct it if necessary:

1. Is teacher education still the primary function of this department, and if so, will the new name convey that idea adequately?
2. Will the new name serve a clarifying function for people unfamiliar with the offerings of the department? Will it allow greater coherence in the way the department presents itself?
3. Use of the words "Education" and "Educational": Will it be confusing to offer a major called "Educational Foundations" and courses categorized as "Educational Studies" in a Department called "Education Studies"? Course designations are difficult to change since they are widely embedded in student records software.

The Council had also wondered about the relationship between the proposed new name and the undergraduate degree. Karen McLaughlin was kind enough to check on the majors offered by the department, and sent me this list:

- \*Educational Foundations (the undergraduate major)
- \*English for Speakers of Other Language

\*K-12 Teacher Licensure  
\*Middle/Secondary Education  
\*Music Education

Now I need your help, Sue, because I can't remember what the nomenclature rule is.

Thanks to everyone for your help with this. I'll try to get a response from the College of Ed in time for next Tuesday's Council meeting.

-Karen