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MEMORANDUM

To: Kenneth Procter, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

From: Beauty Bragg, Interim Chair of the Department of English and Rhetoric

Date: September 18, 2017

Subject: Request to change name

This memo is presented to request permission to rename the Department of English and Rhetoric to the Department of English beginning January 1, 2018.

On Friday September 15, 2017, the University Senate voted to approve the proposal for Rhetoric faculty to move to the Department of Mass Communication, which will be renamed the Department of Communication. Operating and faculty development funds (less already paid amounts) will be transferred along with the faculty as described in the approved proposal. The Department of English and Rhetoric will no longer offer courses or a degree in rhetoric so it does not make sense to retain that disciplinary focus as part of our departmental name. After email and face to face discussion the faculty expressed a preference for the name, "Department of English."