

APPENDIX O

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

May 25, 2005

Dr. Gretchen Bataille
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Office of the President
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Dear Dr. Bataille:

I am requesting that the Department of Engineering and Technology at Western Carolina University be renamed the School of Technology within the College of Applied Sciences, effective July 1, 2005. Over the past three years this department has experienced significant enrollment growth, expanded its program offerings (e.g., electrical engineering and construction management), and secured several millions of dollars in Federal funding. Additionally, the department plays a pivotal role in the University's efforts to assist the region with economic development through its Center for Integrated Technology, Center for Rapid Prototyping, and Center for Adaptive Devices.

Granting the name change will enhance the departments' visibility to external constituents and provide an identity that should support the entrepreneurial spirit of the faculty. The name change will have no affect on faculty governance nor require additional resources.

This request has the support of the faculty, Department Head, and Dean. I hope you will approve the request.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 828-227-7495 or email at krcarter@email.wcu.edu.

Sincerely,

Kyle R. Carter
Provost

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