

NORTH
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SCHOOL
OF THE
ARTS

April 10, 2008

Jim W. Phillips, Jr.
Chair, Board of Governors
Post Office Box 26000
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Dear Chairman Phillips:

The Board of Trustees met yesterday via teleconference to consider modifying the School's name to include "University" to the North Carolina School of the Arts. There has been much discussion and solicitation of feedback from alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors, and founders of the School. After hearing reports of this feedback, and further discussion, the Board unanimously voted (11-0) to approve the attached resolution.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Board of Governors consider the resolution at the next BOG Governance Committee meeting on May 8, 2008. We understand that if this request is approved by the BOG, it would then be placed on the policy agenda for consideration by the General Assembly.

We believe that this modification better describes who we are: the professional school of the arts for the State of North Carolina and a constituent campus of the University of North Carolina System. As you will see in the resolution, this action does not intend to affect our original mission, or imply a lack of support for its high school program. This amendment will not only tie us more clearly to the UNC System, but will also raise our visibility among donors and clear up confusion among people who do not realize we are a University.

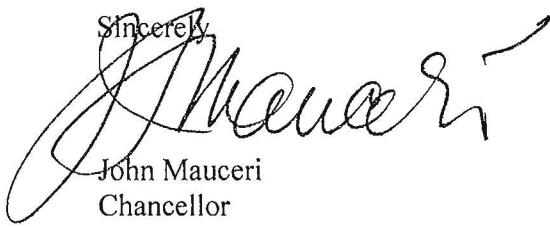
Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request. These are truly exciting times at NCSA; hopefully soon to become UNCSA!

Sincerely,



Michael Pulitzer, Jr.
Chair, Board of Trustees

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John Mauceri
Chancellor

cc: Erskine Bowles, President
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina School of the Arts (the "School") was established by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1963 as the first public conservatory for the performing arts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the School has established itself as a premier professional school specializing in the training of performing and visual artists; and

WHEREAS, the School became a constituent campus of the consolidated University of North Carolina System (the "UNC System") in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the School has determined that it is appropriate to consider modifying the School's name to reflect the School's longstanding and significant ties to the UNC System;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The Board of Trustees recommends to the Board of Governors of the UNC System that the name of the School be modified and shall become the University of North Carolina School of the Arts; and
- 2) Such action does not affect the original mission of the School or the vision of the School's founders including the admission of students based on auditions, interviews and artistic portfolios and the appointment of faculty on the basis of their professional experience; and
- 3) That the addition of the term "University" is intended solely to better define the School as a constituent campus of the UNC System and shall not affect its unique educational mission or culture or in any way imply a lack of respect or support for its high school component; and
- 4) The Board of Trustees strongly affirms its commitment to maintain the School's unique culture and mission within the UNC System and the School shall continue as the professional training institution for performing and visual artists in the UNC System.

This resolution is approved as of this 9th day of April, 2008.



Michael Pulitzer, Jr., Chairman