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Memorandum

TO: Members, Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

FROM: Alan Mabe

SUBJECT: Proposed Mission Change and Reorganization at WCU

Western Carolina University requests a change in their mission statement and a reorganization of their colleges and schools to reflect the results of a study and review conducted on the campus over the last few months. Chancellor Bardo has provided a letter requesting these changes. In addition to the letter you will find a marked copy of WCU's mission statement showing the proposed changes, and a chart that shows the proposed organization of the colleges and schools.

WCU requests approval of the following:

- a. a modification of the mission statement to reflect the campus's focus on economic development;
- b. the proposed organization of the colleges and schools as outlined in the chart; and
- c. a change in the name of the graduate school from "Research and Graduate Studies" to "The Graduate School and Research."