PHD in PSYCHOLOGY name change request:

We would like to change the name of our PhD to Psychological and Brain Sciences as this is better aligned with our training mission and curriculum.

We have initiated a number of changes to our training program to align procedures across the 4 major training areas, provide more flexibility to the student for a tailored curriculum, updated our qualifying exam procedure, and include 3 new certificate programs meant to catalyze cross-disciplinary/area training.

WHEREAS,   the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences (PBS) in the College of Arts and Sciences has offered a PhD in Psychology with concentrations in either Behavioral Neuroscience, Clinical Science, Cognitive Psychology, or Social Psychology, and

WHEREAS,    PBS has proposed to rename this to a PhD in Psychological and Brain Sciences with concentrations in either Behavioral Neuroscience, Clinical Science, Cognitive Psychology, or Social Psychology, as this name is more consistent with the goal of our training program and reflective of our departmental name change, and

WHEREAS,    the existing graduate program in PBS already provides all the courses and administrative framework for our degrees, and

WHEREAS,    is consistent with the University’s “path to prominence” to achieve excellence in professional education; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends approval for the degree name change.