Recommendation of the School of Library Science to change the name of the School of Library Science to the School of Library and Information Science.

The School of Library Science Faculty, at its meeting of Friday, February 20, 1980, unanimously approved a motion recommending that the name of the School be changed to the School of Library and Information Science.

The change is justified and needed since recent scientific and technological developments have made an impact on traditional librarianship and library schools' curricula. The new concepts of information science relating to identification, organization, processing, storage and retrieval of recorded knowledge are being applied to both the theoretical and applied frameworks of library science.

At the hearings of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), information science was explained to the Congressional Subcommittee as:

... the study of how information is transferred from the point of generation to the point of use—and all the intermediate steps of collecting, organizing, interpreting, storing, retrieving, disseminating and transforming information. As a discipline, information science stresses the application of modern technologies to the handling of information.

A year ago, a White House Conference on Library and Information Services was held in Washington, D.C. from November 15 to 19, 1979 to "develop recommendations for the future improvement of the Nation's libraries and information centers and their use by the public" (PL95-568).

Accredited schools in the U.S. and Canada have broadened the scope of their academic and professional concerns and changed their names to Schools of Library and Information Science. There are 23 U.S. and Canadian schools out of the 68 accredited by the American Library Association that have added "Information Science" or the equivalent to their names. Others are following this national trend.

The School's recent emphasis on information science and technology is reflected in its present course offerings. (LS 610: Information Science and Technology, required; LS 781: Systems Analysis and Library Automation;
LS 774: Online Information Retrieval) in addition to numerous courses on the information sources and services in a variety of disciplines that range from science and technology to health sciences, music and maps. The newly introduced coordinated double degree in Music and Library Science, the Certificate of Advanced Studies (6th year program) and other programmatic changes approved or under consideration underscore the fact that librarianship and information science are two areas that impinge on one another.

The change in the name will reflect programmatic changes in the School and a national trend in the profession and the academy to emphasize the traditional as well as the non-traditional aspects of the library/information science.

The School of Library Science requests that the Faculty Senate act to change the name of the School of Library Science to the School of Library and Information Science.

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April 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO:       Dean Mohammed Aman
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FROM:     William L. Walters
           Vice Chancellor

We have received approval of our recommendation to change the name of the School of Library Science to the "School of Library and Information Science." The official records of UW-System Administration will be adjusted to reflect the change in name and you may now proceed to adopt the new designation in all official documents and records of the School as soon as it is practicable.

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