



## **ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT ELIMINATION FORM**

**DIRECTIONS:** Use this form when proposing to eliminate an organizational unit, center, institute, department, school, or college.

**DATE OF REQUEST:** September 27, 2016

*Date of AAC Approval:*

November 30, 2016

**INSTITUTION:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT TO BE ELIMINATED:** Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education (ICARE)

*Date of Board Approval:*

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF ELIMINATION:** Upon Approval

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**A. Reason for proposed elimination of the organizational unit**

This center, housed in the School of Dental Medicine, was funded primarily by a federal HRSA grant. Unfortunately, continuing support was not realized and the center activities ended when the funding ended in July 2015.

**B. Specify plan to phase out the organization unit, including description of how the needs of currently enrolled students will be met**

Appropriate actions to end center activities were taken in collaboration with the Office of the VP for Research and Economic Development. All monies were expended by July 2015.

**C. Impact of organizational unit closure on faculty and staff, and related academic programs** The impact was minimal because the interdisciplinary activities related to the center's mission are imbedded in other UNLV campus initiatives to address needs in this area.

**D. Description of the process of notifying other institutions regarding impact of organizational unit closure on transfer and articulation**

The center did not have significant affiliations with other organizations at the time of closure; therefore, it was not necessary to make any notifications.

*Please attach any supporting documentation (i.e. support letters from community, industry).*

September 28, 2016

Dr. Carolyn Yucha, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Mr. Joseph Lombardo, Executive Director, National Supercomputing Institute  
Division of Research and Economic Development  
University of Nevada Las Vegas

RE: Closing the Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education (!CARE)

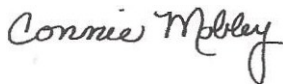
Dear Dr. Yucha and Mr. Lombardo,

I am submitting this letter in support of the closing of the UNLV Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education (!CARE). The center has not been financially supported nor have activities been reported to the School of Dental Medicine (SOM) Office of Research since June, 2015. In the spring of 2014 the Dean of the UNLV SOM and I met with Dr. Tom Piechota, the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at that time, to assess the function and role of the center that was housed on the UNLV campus. It was decided that it would be moved to the Shadow Lane Campus under the direction of the Dean. The center was being supported primarily by an SOM Sub-award derived from a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant that was due to expire in June, 2015. It was agreed that when the funding expired, if there were no available additional resources, it would be closed at that time. In the interim the physical office for the center was temporarily moved to a faculty office on the Shadow Lane Campus.

This decision was discussed with the Director of the Center, Dr. Georgia Dounis, who agreed to house the center in her office until the termination of the grant funding. Since June of 2015 the center has been considered to be closed. There were no related affiliations that the SOM Office of Research could identify that were impacted by the closure.

Since that time the SOM faculty has been exploring future opportunities to establish a Center for Research in Aging and Longevity.

Sincerely,



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September 28, 2016

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University of Nevada Las Vegas

RE: Closing the Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education (ICARE)

Dear Dr. Yucha and Mr. Lombardo,

I am submitting this letter in support of the closing of the UNLV Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education (ICARE). The center has not been financially supported nor have activities been reported to me of the School of Dental Medicine (SOM) Office of Research since June, 2015. In the spring of 2014, together with Dr. Tom Piechota, the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, it was decided the Center would move to the Shadow Lane Campus. The center was being supported primarily by an SOM Sub-award derived from a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant that was due to expire in June, 2015 and thus was within my scope of oversight. It was agreed that when the funding expired, if there were no available additional resources, it would be closed when funding ended. In the interim the physical office for the center was temporarily moved to a faculty office on the Shadow Lane Campus.

The Director of the Center, Dr. Georgia Dounis, was advised of the changes and agreed to house the center in her office until the termination of the grant funding. Since June of 2015 the center has been considered to be closed. We are working to establish a Center for Research in Aging and Longevity in the future in hopes of continuing to meet the needs of the future aging population.

Sincerely,



Karen P. West, DMD, MPH  
Dean