1. **Issue:** North Dakota State University (NDSU) has submitted a Stage II request to rename the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture to the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II request of the NDSU to rename Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture to the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

3. **Background information:** The proposed department title aligns with national naming conventions for comparable programs.

4. **Financial implications:** None cited.

5. **Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 307.1 *Institutional Organization Notice and Approval* states: "1. Board approval is required to create, discontinue or name a school, college, center or institute. Institutions shall submit such requests, along with rationale and supporting information, to the Chancellor and the Chancellor shall forward the proposal to the Board with a recommendation."

   "2. As used in this policy, ‘center or institute’ means a unit that has as a primary function or activity academic instruction, research, or service beyond the immediate campus community. The terms do not include space designations, or units that simply have the word ‘center’ in their title, or units that provide non-academic services, such as dining centers."

6. **Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the August 2, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.

7. **Coordination:** On August 2, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend that the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee for approval/denial.

8. **Attachments:** The Stage II request is attached.

9. **Contact information:** Richard M. Rothaus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: richard.rothaus@ndus.edu.

10. **Chancellor’s recommendation:**