REVISE INTRODUCTORY CATALOG TEXT FOR BAKER CENTER

In the 2023-24 Graduate Catalog revise the Baker Center introductory catalog text to reflect the upcoming change of name of the Baker Center as shown below.

Current name: Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy

Revising name to: Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy and Public Affairs (pending THEC approval)

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The Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy and Public Affairs is devoted to education, student engagement, public outreach, and research in public policy, public administration, and public affairs. Substantive focus areas include Energy, Mobility, and the Environment; Global Security and Foreign Affairs; and Economic and Community Development. The School also houses the Institute of American Civics.

Through degree programs, student initiatives, public lectures, research symposia and research publications, the School aims to provide policymakers, citizens, scholars, and students with the information and skills necessary to work effectively within our political system and to serve our local, state, national, and global communities. By examining policy and politics through a nonpartisan lens, the Baker School continues the groundbreaking work of its namesake Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., nicknamed "The Great Conciliator" for his ability to cross party lines and encourage lawmakers to cooperate on key issues affecting the public good. In the spirit of Senator Baker’s work, the School offers a number of public lectures and programs welcoming views from across the political spectrum, with a focus on the areas noted above.

Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)

The Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) program prepares students for careers in the public and not-for-profit sectors. After completing a common core of foundational courses, students specialize either in public management or public policy. The degree consists of a total of 39 graduate credit hours and includes a recommended internship. No thesis is required for completion of the degree.

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No active programs available.

BCPP 593 - Independent Study
BCPP 595 - Special Topics in Public Policy

Rationale:
Pending THEC approval, the Baker Center is changing its name to the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy and Public Affairs. This name change signifies a broader mission that will include two degree programs. There is another proposal pending to move the MPPA program from Political Science to the Baker School. We will be submitting a proposal for the 2024-25 academic year to move the undergraduate Public Administration major from the Haslam College of Business to the Baker School. The Provost has approved the creation of the School and moving both programs.