

AACR 2

Office of the President
June 13, 2006

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Arts and Sciences' Women's Studies Program to Gender and Women's Studies Program, effective in the summer 2006 semester.

Background: This change reflects the growing field of scholarship in gender studies and more accurately reflects the expanding research and curricular interests of our faculty. The Women's Studies Program has long promoted the inclusion of contributions, history, creativity, and scholarship of women in the curriculum offered by the program as well as the larger curriculum of the university. While there is no less need today to promote the inclusion of the contributions of women in curriculum, there is a growing trend toward the inclusion of gender within the women's studies scholarship and the critical study of the construction and influence of all gender roles.

The addition of "gender" to the program title is more inclusive, accurate, and institutionally progressive than the current program title. Five of our nineteen benchmark institutions have program titles that include Gender and Women's Studies.

The change of program title will aid students in understanding the importance of the issues of gender in their lives and to their programs of study. The change in program title will be reflected in a change in the name of the topical major, and/or undergraduate minor that is recorded, and the graduate certificate.

The proposal has been approved by the program faculty and the Arts and Sciences College Council; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure; and recommended by the University Senate. The Interim Provost of the university supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____