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Champaign, IL 61820



December 6, 2002

Peter L. Mortensen, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Mortensen:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the Women's Studies Program to Gender and Women's Studies Program.

This proposal has been approved by the Committee on Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,



Keith A. Marshall  
Assistant Provost

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c: K. Alston  
J. Delia  
C. Livingstone  
A. Mester

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November 19, 2002

Keith Marshall  
Assistant Provost  
Swanlund Administration Building  
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Dear Keith:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Rename The Women's Studies Program to Gender and Women's Studies Program.

This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation Fall 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ann M. Mester'.

Ann M. Mester  
Assistant Dean

C: Dean Jesse Delia  
Prof. Kal Alston

**PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

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Proposal to Rename The Women's Studies Program

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**Sponsors**

Kal Alston, Director, Women's Studies Program, 911 S. Sixth (333-2990,  
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**Brief Description**

The Women's Studies Program proposes to change the Program's name to "Gender and Women's Studies Program."

**Justification**

The proposed new name for the Program reflects changes within the discipline of women's studies and the evolution of the educational and research interests of Women's Studies joint and affiliated faculty. The name change generates visibility for these shifts and is necessary for the Program to attract students, faculty, and support from funding agencies. Although many women's studies programs and departments have changed their names to "gender studies" to reflect these disciplinary changes, we believe that it is important to keep alive the focus on women as objects and subjects of study. The inclusion of "gender" reflects changes that have already been made in the curriculum. The Women's Studies joint faculty unanimously supports this change.

**Budgetary and Staff Implications**

The name change does not result in increased requirements for additional staff and operating budget. We expect that student enrollment will increase modestly over an extended period as a result of the name change.

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**Statement for the Bulletin:** The Women's Studies Program proposes to change the Program's name to "Gender and Women's Studies Program."

**Effective Date:** Fall 2003