


**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

FROM: Elizabeth S. Chilton, Provost and Executive Vice President 

SUBJECT: Proposal to Rename the Degree and Course Prefix, Women's Studies

DATE: July 6, 2021

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On September 20, 2018, the Faculty Senate approved a proposal to change the name of the Program in Women's Studies. The new unit name, the Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, represented the broader mission of the unit and reflected national trends in the field.

This past spring, leadership in the program and college submitted the attached proposal to rename the degree and the course prefix to align with the name of the unit. The Provost's Office has received positive feedback and recommends that the Faculty Senate consider this for approval to be effective fall 2021.

With support from the Faculty Senate, the fall 2021 graduating class will reflect the new name, the **Bachelor of Arts in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**. In addition, the course prefix abbreviation will change to **WGSS** (with the formal description being Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies).

Thank you in advance for your consideration.