

Proposition: 20-16/17

Title: Name Change of Women's Studies to Gender and Sexuality Studies

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Proposed Committee: Faculty Affairs or Scholastic Affairs

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals: IDS Curriculum Committee, IDS Department Head, College Curriculum Committee, Associate Dean of Academics, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Chair of ADAC, and Chair of ADC

Proposal: Women's Studies Program (Department of Interdisciplinary Studies) proposes to rename itself as an academic unit, its undergraduate major, undergraduate and graduate minor and its courses to **Gender and Sexuality Studies**.

Rationale: 1- Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSS) would reflect the national trends and contemporary status in the field/discipline. 2- GSS would be more distinct from, and thus more competitive with, similar academic degrees offered by our peer institutions. 3- GSS would also signal the academic unit's openness to interdisciplinary and diverse intellectual approaches, cross-listings, and collaborations with several departments across campus. 4- GSS would attract more funding for its wider reach and interdisciplinary representations. (Attached is the full proposal with approval signatures).