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DATE: April 2, 2018

TO: Rosemary Drohan

FROM: Antonio Moreira, Ph.D. 
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

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

Attached please find the routing form and request to change the department name of Gender and Women's Studies to Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies. For the sake of expediency, I am also sending copies of this information simultaneously to the Faculty Senate and the Undergraduate Council. Please coordinate with Drs. Moffitt and McDonough to obtain the endorsement from the shared governance process.

We look forward to receiving the Faculty Senate's review.

Thank you.

AM:slm

Attachment

Cc: Dr. Kimberly Moffitt, President, Faculty Senate
Dr. Susan McDonough, Undergraduate Council
Dr. Patrice McDermott, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
Ms. Beth Wells (w/o attachment)

Routing/Approval Sheet

Proposal to Change Name of an Academic Department

Date: 3/29/18

Name of Department: Gender and Women's Studies

Proposed new name of Department: Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

The attached proposal is to be reviewed by each office checked below. If approved, include signature and date.

	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department Chair	<u>See attached memo</u>	<u>1/16/18</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Dean	<u>See attached memo</u>	<u>2/27/18</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost	<u>Philip T. Bous</u>	<u>3/29/18</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Provost for Academic Affairs to submit proposal to UGC and Faculty Senate		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Council	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty Senate	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return to Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President	_____	_____

Return to Beth Wells for notification to Chancellor



A N H O N O R S U N I V E R S I T Y I N M A R Y L A N D

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Date: January 16, 2018

To: Scott Casper, Dean
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

From: *CM*
Carole McCann, Chair
Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Re: Request to Change Department Name

On behalf of the faculty and Coordinating Committee of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, I am writing to request a change to our department name to the "Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies." This change was discussed by the core faculty at our November 15, 2017 department meeting, ratified at the November 29, 2017 department meeting, and confirmed by the Coordinating Committee at our December 1, 2017 meeting. The change will require no additional resources on the part of the College.


Our decision reflects the growing consensus nationwide that sexuality is a central organizing concept of the field of women's studies along with gender. The Department of Gender and Women's Studies at UMBC has a longstanding commitment to providing students with courses in the subfield of sexuality studies. Our department offered the first courses on LGBT issues at UMBC and have offered at least two per year since in the late 1990s. In addition, the department also cross lists sexuality courses in Sociology and Psychology. Recognizing the growing importance of the subfield internationally, the department configured this suite of courses into a minor in 2012. However, of particular concern to the core faculty, enrollments in the minor in Critical Sexuality Studies continue to lag behind our expectations. We believe this lag is largely a consequence of the virtual invisibility of the minor within the campus catalog of programs. As a minor housed within our department, it is not included separately in the Admissions office list of programs that is the most accessible source of curricular information to students. It is our belief that the addition of the word "sexuality" to the department name is a remedy to that invisibility and is, therefore, vital to the growth and vitality of the minor. Therefore, we seek permission to change the department name to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies.



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DATE: February 27, 2018
TO: Philip Rous, Provost
FROM: Scott Casper, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences 
RE: GWST name change to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

I write to request your approval to change the name of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies to the **Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies**. This proposed change, described in the attached memo from GWST Chair Carole McCann, reflects "the growing consensus nationwide that sexuality is a central organizing concept of the field of women's studies along with gender." Our GWST Department has already developed curriculum in this area, including a minor in Critical Sexuality Studies. Changing the Department's name may have a positive impact on recruitment and enrollment, because this important element of its offerings will have enhanced visibility. The change will require no additional resources.

The GWST core faculty and the GWST Coordinating Committee have discussed and approved this change. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration & Policy, which offers courses in related fields, has provided a letter of support.

I am pleased to endorse this name change and hope that you will approve it. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. McCann or me.

Cc: Dr. Carole McCann, Chair, Gender and Women's Studies