

Senate Advisory Research Committee (SARC)  
Report to Senate – Meeting of November 25, 2010  
Proposed Name Change for Centre for the Study of Democracy

**Introduction**

SARC Chair received a request dated October 7, 2010, for approval to change the name of the Centre for the Study of Democracy to the Centre for Studies on Democracy and Diversity. A copy of the request is attached to this report.

**Analysis and Discussion**

The following points summarize the Committee's process:

- As SARC members were not meeting until December and the Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy expressed some urgency to this matter, the request was distributed electronically to all SARC members requesting their vote by November 9, 2010.
- Members voted in favor of the name change from Centre for the Study of Democracy to the Centre for Studies on Democracy and Diversity.

**Conclusions/Recommendations**

**The Senate Advisory Research Committee recommends that the Senate approve the proposed name change from Centre for the Study of Democracy to the Centre for Studies on Democracy and Diversity, effective immediately.**

Respectfully submitted

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Dear Dr. Liss,

I am writing to request approval to change the name of the Centre for the Study of Democracy to the *Centre for Studies on Democracy and Diversity*. The rationale for the request stems from the expansion of the Centre's activities to incorporate the work of faculty associated with the Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Project (EDG). Colleagues associated with EDG will make a substantial contribution to strengthening the Centre's position both in Canada and internationally. At the same time, the Centre will serve their interests by providing an institutional home to support continuation of their work. The proposed change in name recognizes the extension of our activities.

George Perlin, director of the current Centre for the Study of Democracy has the support of the group and the Director of the School of Policy Studies to move ahead with the proposed name change. There is some urgency to this request as there is a documentary film soon to be broadcast that features the centre's work in the Ukraine. Ideally, the centre would be referred to by its new name which would draw attention to the expansion of activities. Your consideration of this request on short notice is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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