



Senate Committee on Academic Development

Report to Senate – Meeting of April 22, 2010

Proposal to change the Degree Program Names for Undergraduate Degrees in Gender Studies, in the Faculty of Arts and Science

Introduction

The proposal to change the Degree Program Names for Undergraduate Degrees in Gender Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science was reviewed by the Senate Committee on Academic Development (SCAD) at its meeting of April 7, 2010. L. Ratcliffe, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, attended the SCAD meeting to speak to the proposal and to answer questions from members of SCAD. Members of SCAD were also provided with background documentation provided by the Faculty of Arts and Science. A copy of the documentation is attached to this report.

Analysis and Discussion

The following should be noted:

- the proposal to change the degree program names for undergraduate degrees in Gender Studies was approved by the Arts and Science Faculty Board on February 5, 2010;
- the revised degree program names include:
 - BA minor concentration in Gender Studies
 - BA (Honours) major concentration in Gender Studies
 - BA (Honours) medial concentration in Gender Studies
- Senate approved a name change for the Department of Women's Studies to the Department of Gender Studies in November 2009;
- all new and continuing students in Gender Studies will have their programs changed to reflect the new program title and the name change will be retro-active to when the student started the program;
- the Women's Studies course prefix (WMNS) will remain in the University Registrar's database for historical purposes. Transcripts of students previously registered in Women's Studies courses will remain unchanged.

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Conclusions/Recommendation

Recommendation:

that Senate approve the proposal to change the Degree Program Names for Undergraduate Degrees in Gender Studies effective 1 September 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Silverman

Chair, Senate Committee on Academic Development

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Ms. Georgina Moore
University Secretariat
Queen's University

Dear Ms. Moore,

RE: Change of Degree Program Names for Undergraduate Degrees in Gender Studies

In November 2009, Queen's University Senate approved a change of name for the Department of Women's Studies to the Department of Gender Studies.

The Department of Gender Studies submitted a proposal to the Arts and Science Curriculum Committee to change the names of all three undergraduate degrees from Women's Studies (WMNS) to Gender Studies (GNDS). This proposal was approved by Faculty Board on February 5, 2010.

Specifically, the revised degree program names appearing on the transcript for all undergraduate students enrolled in Gender Studies as of 1 September 2010 would be:

Bachelor of Arts minor concentration in Gender Studies – GNDS
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) major concentration in Gender Studies – GNDS
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) medial concentration in Gender Studies – GNDS

All new and continuing students in the degree program will have their programs changed to reflect the new program title and the name change will be retro-active to when the student started the program.

All new courses introduced by the Department of Gender Studies will have the new prefix (GNDS) and will be effective 1 September 2010. The Women's Studies course prefix (WMNS) will remain in the database for historical purposes and will appear on the transcripts of students previously registered in Women's Studies courses.

As this request involves a change to Queen's University transcripts, the Office of the University Registrar requires the approval of the Vice-Principal (Academic), and/or SCAD or SCAP, as you deem appropriate.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours

sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laurene Ratcliffe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurene Ratcliffe
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