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November 22, 2005

Ernie Bailey, Chair
Academic and Organization Structure Committee
University Senate
203 Main Bldg.
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Dear Professor Bailey:

The College of Arts & Sciences Education Policy committee has considered and recommends the request by Women's Studies to change the interdisciplinary program name to Gender and Women's Studies Program. The name of the minor and graduate certificate, remains Women's Studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.L. Hoch'.

Steven L. Hoch
Dean

Cc: Ernie Yanarella, Chair, Senate Council
Leonidas Bachas, Associate Dean, College of A&S
Joan Callahan, Director, Women's Studies

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ARTS AND SCIENCES
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATOR REPORT

INVESTIGATING AREA: Humanities

COURSE, MAJOR, DEGREE or PROGRAM: Women's Studies

DATE FOR EPC REVIEW: Nov. 17, 2005

CATEGORY: NEW, CHANGE, DROP

INSTRUCTIONS: This completed form will accompany the course application to the Graduate/Undergraduate Council(s) in order to avoid needless repetition of investigation. The following questions are included as an outline only. Be as specific and as brief as possible. If the investigation was routine, please indicate this. The term "course" is used to indicate one course, a series of courses or a program, whichever is in order. Return the form to Leonidas Bachas Associate Dean, 275 Patterson Office Tower for forwarding to the Council(s). ATTACH SUPPLEMENT IF NEEDED.

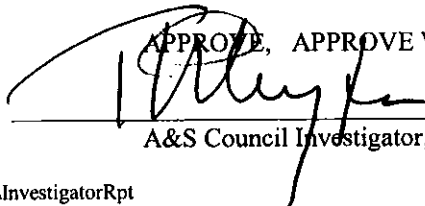
1. List any modifications made in the course proposal as submitted originally and why.
2. If no modifications were made, review considerations that arose during the investigation and the resolutions.
3. List contacts with program units on the proposal and the considerations discussed therein.
4. Additional information as needed.
5. A&S Area Investigator Recommendation:

APPROVE, APPROVE WITH RESERVATION, OR DISAPPROVE

6. A&S Education Policy Committee Recommendation:

APPROVE, APPROVE WITH RESERVATION, OR DISAPPROVE

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A&S Council Investigator, Tom Clayton

Date: Nov. 17, 2005

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 22 January 2005

To: Steven L. Hoch, Dean of Arts and Sciences
Donald Witt, University Registrar

From: Joan Callahan, Director of Women's Studies Program

RE: Petition to modify name of program

I write to request that the program currently known as "the Women's Studies Program" be changed to "the Gender and Women's Studies Program." This name change reflects the growing field of scholarship in gender studies and more accurately reflects the expanding research and curricular interests of our faculty. This change has been carefully discussed over several years, and making the change is a settled preference of the relevant faculty and program leadership.

The Women's Studies Program has long promoted the inclusion of contributions, history, creativity and scholarship of women in the curriculum offered by the program as well as the larger curriculum of the university. While there is no less need today to promote the inclusion of the contributions of women in curriculum, there is a growing trend toward the inclusion of gender within women's studies scholarship and the critical study of the construction and influence of all gender roles.

The addition of "gender" to the program title is more inclusive, accurate, and institutionally progressive than the current program title. Five of our 19 benchmark institutions have program titles that include Gender and Women's Studies (see attached list). The current mission and commitments statements of our program, as well as the mission statements of our benchmark programs, include discussion of the importance of gender, especially in its interaction with race, ethnicity, sexuality, class and culture. I have included our mission and commitments statements below as they would read under the new program name.

The change of program title will aid students in understanding the importance of the issues of gender in their lives and to their programs of study. It will also expand the number and type of course offerings available through the program. Additionally, the inclusion of gender studies extends to explicitly include the interests of current and potential affiliated faculty members, who increasingly are working in gender minority studies and masculinity studies, as well as women's studies.

The change in program title will be reflected in a change in the name of the topical major, and/or undergraduate minor that is recorded and the Graduate Certificate.

APPENDICES

I. List of UK Benchmarks with gender and women's studies programs

North Carolina State University Women's and Gender Studies Program

University of Florida Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research

University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign Gender and Women's Studies Program

University of Texas Austin Center for Women's and Gender Studies

University of Virginia Studies in Women and Gender

II. Mission statement:

The Gender and Women's Studies Program at the University of Kentucky investigates gender broadly conceived and the cultures and contributions of women worldwide from feminist/womanist perspectives. The purpose of the program is to develop and coordinate an interdisciplinary curriculum in Gender and Women's Studies at the undergraduate and graduate levels; support critical research, teaching and public programming in Gender and Women's Studies that take into account various beliefs about gender, race, class, and sexuality; and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. The Gender and Women's Studies Program aims to serve the University and the Commonwealth through promotion of equity and commitment to excellence.

III. Program commitments:

The Gender and Women's Studies Program of the University of Kentucky is a feminist / womanist academic enterprise. Faculty share a commitment to research and teaching about the lives, cultures, perspectives, and activities of women worldwide; this commitment includes increasing understandings that what are commonly referred to as "women's issues" are societal issues that effect all individuals, regardless of gender. Central to our mission is understanding and celebrating women's resources, strategies, contributions, and creativity, wherever and however they occur. The words we use, the histories we have inherited, and the precise paths towards change that we select can vary among us; but we are committed to a mindfulness about these differences that permits us to teach and to learn from each other. We are concerned to analyze gendered cultural constructions and the effects of patriarchy; but we recognize that women's

activities and gender relations occur simultaneously with other hierarchical and unjust social relations and inequalities of power including, but not limited to those based on ability, age, class, ethnicity, family composition, gender identity, race, region, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and the inequitable distribution of resources in and among countries and groups globally.

Gender and Women's Studies is more than a body of knowledge about these subjects: it is a set of approaches and critical frameworks through which to critique, produce, and act upon knowledge. For all our diversity, Gender and Women's Studies faculty at the University of Kentucky are committed to and reflect these commitments in our research, service, and teaching.

From: Joan Callahan [mailto:buddy@uky.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2005 1:51 PM
To: Hanson, Roxie
Cc: Betty Palsey; Betty Palsey
Subject: Petition to Modify Name of WS Program

Dear Roxie,

I am attaching the excel document and word document you sent to me that need to be started to get the petition for the change from "Women's Studies Program" to "Gender and Women's Studies Program" formally started through the system. I hope I have filled these in correctly. The change was first approved by the Women's Studies Steering Committee, then by the Women's Studies Affiliated Faculty, then by me, the Director.

I am including below the petition originally sent to Dean Hoch and Registrar Witt.

Please let me know if you need anything more.

Thank you

Joan (Callahan)

**ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEE REVIEW
AND CONSULTATION SUMMARY SHEET**

Proposal Title:

Change of program name from "Women's Studies Program" to "Gender and Women's Studies Program"

Name/email/phone for proposal contact: Joan Callahan, buddy@uky.edu 7-1388

Instruction: To facilitate the processing of this proposal please identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal, identify a contact person for each entry, provide the consequences of the review (specifically, approval, rejection, no decision and vote outcome, if any) and please attach a copy of any report or memorandum developed with comments on this proposal.

Reviewed by: (Chairs, Directors, Faculty Groups, Faculty Councils, Committees, etc)	Contact person Name (phone/email)	Consequences of Review:	Date of Proposal Review	Review Summary Attached? (yes or no)
Faculty and Director	Joan Callahan, 7-1388, <buddy@uky.edu>	Approved by (1) WS Steering Committee (2) Women's Studies Affiliated Faculty (3) Director of Women's Studies	(1) 3/1/04 (2) 1/22/05 (3) 1/22/05	no no no
A&S Education Policy Committee	Tom Clayton, 7-1604 tmclay@uky.edu	approved	Nov. 3, 2005	yes
Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure				