Rename the Upper Division Certificate in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies” (PCC 20078)

**PRESENTED BY**  Valerie Orlando, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

**REVIEW DATES**  SEC – February 23, 2021  |  SENATE – March 3, 2021

**VOTING METHOD**  In a single vote

**RELEVANT POLICY/DOCUMENT**  NA

**NECESSARY APPROVALS**  Senate, President, University System of Maryland Chancellor, and Maryland Higher Education Commission

**ISSUE**

Last year, the Department of Women’s Studies within the College of Arts and Humanities was renamed the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. This proposal is to rename the Upper Division Certificate in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.” The proposal will not only align the program with the department name, but also reflect the current scope of the program. In 2020, the program modified its curriculum to recognize the breadth of study of interlocking systems of oppression comprising the expansive field of women, gender, and sexuality studies. The new curriculum added greater flexibility by adding new and updated foundational course options as entry points to the certificate: LGBT200 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies; WMST200 Introduction to WGSS: Gender, Power, and Society; WMST250 Introduction to WGSS: Art and Culture; WMST263 Introduction to Black Women’s Studies; and WMST298D Bodies in Contention. The program also added multiple options to fulfill the program’s 12 credit specialization requirement, including Social Justice; Transnational Politics and Perspectives; Race, Ethnicity and Class; Bodies, Genders and Sexualities; Arts, Technologies and Cultural Production; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies, or a student-designed specialization. The new name of the program, therefore, more accurately reflects the inclusiveness of the curriculum.

This proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on February 5, 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this name change.

**COMMITTEE WORK**

The committee considered this proposal for its meeting on February 5, 2021. Ashwini Tambe and Gwen Warman of the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, along
with ARHU Associate Dean Ralph Bauer, presented the proposal and answered questions. The committee approved the proposal.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Senate could decline to approve this new program title.

**RISKS**

If the Senate declines to approve this program title change, the current program will not adequately describe the program curriculum.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant financial implications for program title changes.
501: WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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Approval Path
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History
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Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

Proposed Action
Rename Program
Program Name
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate

Program Status
Active

Effective Term
Fall 2020

Catalog Year
2020-2021

Program Level
Undergraduate Program

Program Type
Undergraduate Certificate

Delivery Method
On Campus

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Program/Major Code
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MHEC Inventory Program
Women's Studies

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Proposal Contact
Ruth Enid Zambrana

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   - Student Designed

Consult the department for eligible courses in each area.

Program Modification Information

Impact on current students. It should be specifically acknowledged that students enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of any curriculum change may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish. The courses required must remain available, or suitable substitutions specifically designated.

There are no curricular changes in this proposal, so there is no impact on the students.

Linked Programs

Renaming Program

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Supporting Documents

Attachments
WGSS Certificate New Catalog Description.docx

Reviewer Comments
Betsy Yuen (myuen) (Wed, 25 Nov 2020 04:35:40 GMT): Attached new catalog description as a Word doc. CIM would not allow me to edit the current catalog description.

Key: 501
Program Change Request

Date Submitted: 08/05/20 3:53 pm

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Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

Catalog Pages Using this Program

**Women’s Studies Certificate**

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7. 01/13/21 5:47 pm
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