

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Education Studies is requesting a change to the name of the Department from “Education Studies” to “Education for Equity and Justice” for the next possible catalog. Education for Equity and Justice (EEJ) more accurately reflects and is consistent with the philosophy of the Department. Department faculty members commit annually to EDI in their teaching, scholarship, service, undergraduate research collaborations, mentoring, and personal lives. Department courses and instructors intentionally challenge students to deconstruct both socially fabricated privileges and marginalization. Department standards for new faculty hires are uncompromising when it comes to their involvement in equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Impact on current majors and potential influence on recruiting future majors.
2. Does name change align with trends from other colleges and universities (will not be the only Education Department with “Equity and Justice” in name).
3. Curricula changes that will accompany the name change of the department.

Pros of Recommendation:

Department of Education Studies voted overwhelmingly for the name change.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the name of the Department from “Education Studies” to “Education for Equity and Justice” for the next possible catalog.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on October 13, 2020 (Date)

Recommends that:

The rename of the Department from “Education Studies” to “Education for Equity and Justice” for the next possible catalog, starting 2021-2022 AY.

Implementation Date: 21/22 catalog

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Signed:

Chair of the Committee

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