

Board Meeting
July 30, 2007

REDESIGNATE THE WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM TO WOMEN AND
GENDER STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES,
SPRINGFIELD

Action: Redesignate the Women's Studies Program to Women and Gender Studies,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Springfield with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of the redesignation of the Women's Studies Program to Women and Gender Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Women's Studies courses increasingly emphasize issues of gender, including the construction of masculinities and gender-queer identities. The proposed name Women and Gender Studies will help students more easily identify where classes on gender and sexual minorities are offered. The proposed name also puts the program more in line with other programs across the country.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University concurs. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.