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# RENAME THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND GENDER IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Center for Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No new funding required

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the Center for Women and Gender in Global Perspectives (WGGP).

Administratively housed in the Illinois Global Institute within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, WGGP was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education for permanent status in November 2023. Renaming the unit to the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity is requested to highlight the centrality of gender equity to the research, teaching, and public engagement supported by the unit; and to improve the ability of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and administrators to identify the unit’s focus. Simplifying from “Women and Gender” to “Gender” allows maintenance of the center’s historic focus on women in the Global South while also signaling the wide range of identities that gender speaks to and that one’s gender identity is socially constructed in ways that are complex and evolving. The renaming makes explicit what has been a longtime concern of the unit: the ways that gender affects, impedes, and makes possible access to resources and rights within a global context.

There are no financial implications nor implications for faculty, staff, facilities, or other resources as a result of this proposed name change.

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 executive vice president and 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.