

CAPP Motion Regarding Widespread Consultation on Academic Unit Changes to Name or Degree Designations

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Whereas, academic boundaries are shifting and departments across the University seek to change their focus, their department name, and often the title of their degree to reflect new realities and interests.

Whereas, these moves are often related to the areas of interest of other units in different colleges in ways that may not be apparent to the unit proposing the change.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests that the Provost require all academic units (e.g., departments, schools, centers, programs), seeking to change their name or the designation of their degree awarded, to so inform (e.g., via the Deans, Directors, and Department Heads list) the heads of all other academic units, with notice sufficient (e.g., perhaps two months) for timely and informed response prior to the contemplation of final approval for these changes. The unit heads are then requested to inform their faculties of the contemplated actions, elicit discussion if appropriate, and share with the Provost, Dean of Faculty, and College Deans any concerns their units may have about the impact of these contemplated changes.