



COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW

17-18 CAPR 13
April 5, 2018

TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Academic Planning Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: 17-18 CAPR 13: Department of Sociology Name Change request
PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the request for Sociology's name change request

BACKGROUND:

At CAPR's April 5, 2018 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the request for the Department of Sociology and Social Services to change its name to the Department of Sociology. Other units have been consulted and there are no resource implications. There were no objections from CAPR regarding the request; approved unanimously.

The request was also reviewed and accepted as information by CIC on April 16, 2018.

Department of Sociology - Name Change

oA. Request for Approval of Formation, Dissolution, Name Change or Merger of Academic Units

General Information

***READ BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Use this form to request the formation of a new unit (i.e. school, college, or department), the dissolution or merger of a unit, or to change the name of a current unit.

STEP ONE: Please see the [Formation, Dissolution, Name Change or Merger of Academic Units Policy](#) for more details.

STEP TWO: Please turn on Help Text for this form by selecting the Show Help Text icon  above this section of the form then complete the following fields.

Current Department/Unit Name*	Department of Sociology and Social Services
Type of Change Requested:*	Name Change
If Merger, please indicate departments/units being merged:	Department
New Department/Unit Name (or current name if not changing unit name):*	Department of Sociology
Proposed Effective Term of the Change:*	Fall 2019

CRITERIA OR REASON FOR THIS ACTION

A. Mission of the Academic Unit:

How does the proposed

name/unit more clearly fit the mission of the academic unit?*

For personnel and budgetary reasons, Sociology dropped our Social Services option and most of our social services courses. Further, after many of the social services faculty moved to Social Work, it has become our expectation that Social Work will institute a BSW when/if resources become available. Thus, Sociology does not anticipate rebuilding the social services option at a later time.

I want to add that we hope that the name change can begin in Fall 2018, per all of our conversion materials submitted in January 2016.

Does the change reflect a change in the unit's mission?*

Yes, see previous response. However, we will continue to serve many students who plan careers in social services fields.

B. Curricular Implications:

Does the new name/unit reflect past changes in curriculum?*

Yes:

1. 2016-2017 was the last year we offered SOC 4716, 4718, 4719, three key courses in the social services option.
2. 2017-2018 will be our last year offering SOC 3700 and SOC 3720, two key courses in our social services option.
3. Since Fall 2016 we have not been accepting new students in our social services option.

Thus, we no longer offer 5 of the 6 courses the constituted the core of the social services option and we began sunseting the option in Fall 2016. The remaining social service option course (3710 - Social Policy) overlaps with sociology the most of the 6 courses and we are keeping it.

Does it reflect plans for future curriculum changes?*

No new curricular changes. The name change reflects changes we have already made. The last changes will go in effect with semesters in Fall 2018, but we submitted the changes back in January 2016.

Do any planned changes impinge on other academic units?*

No. There are no additional planned changes. The one department potentially influenced by already instituted changes in Social Work and the effect is to open the door for them to institute a BSW when/if resources become available. Social Work has been well aware of our changes because we abandoned our social services option in part because the person who administered our internship program (SOC 4718, 4719) moved to Social Work.

Which other units have been consulted?*

Social Work was consulted when we dropped our social services option.

What are the plans for avoiding unnecessary duplication?*

Not applicable. We do not plan to revive the social services option.

C. Effect on the University:

How will the new name/unit assist students in finding the program they need?*

It will more accurately represent our offerings. We hope to avoid false expectations of students looking for a social work type option.

How does the new name/unit make clear the differences between the academic unit and others in the University?*

Yes, it clarifies the differences between Sociology and Social Work.

What are the resource/cost implications of the change?*

We have dropped an expensive and labor intensive internship program, thus saving the university money.

Will there be any effect on retention, promotion, and tenure policies?*

None that I am aware of.

For formation/merger how will the unit head be determined?*

N/A

D. Comparisons:

What names are used for comparable academic units in other Universities in the CSU System and nationwide?
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Most comparable sized CSUs have a Department of Sociology