MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2024

TO: Melinda Smith
Chair, Executive Committee and Faculty Council

FROM: Steven Reising
Chair, Committee on Faculty Governance

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to Section C.2.3.1 of the ACADEMIC FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL MANUAL

The Committee on Faculty Governance moves Faculty Council adopt the following amendment:

MOVED, THAT SECTION C.2.3.1 of the ACADEMIC FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL MANUAL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Additions are underlined and in red; deletions are indicated by strikes in red.

C.2.3.1 Colleges and Academic Departments

The colleges, each organized under their respective academic dean, have general charge over their respective undergraduate and/or professional degree programs. These are:

a. College of Agricultural Sciences (last revised December 6, 2019)
Comprising the Departments of Agricultural and Resource Economics; Animal Sciences; Agricultural Biology; Horticulture and Landscape Architecture; and Soil and Crop Sciences.

b. College of Health and Human Sciences (last revised February 6, 2013)
Comprising the Departments of Construction Management; Design and Merchandising; Health and Exercise Science; Food Science and Human Nutrition; Human Development and Family Studies; Occupational Therapy; the School of Education; and the School of Social Work.

c. College of Business
Comprising the Departments of Accounting; Computer Information Systems; Finance and Real Estate; Management; and Marketing.

d. College of Engineering (last revised January 27, 2006)
Comprising the Departments of Atmospheric Science; Chemical and Biological Engineering; Civil and Environmental Engineering; Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Mechanical Engineering.
e. College of Liberal Arts (last revised March 31, 2019 xxx)
Comprising the Departments of Anthropology and Geography; Art and Art History; Communication Studies; Economics; English; Ethnic Studies Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies; History; Journalism and Media Communication; Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Philosophy; Political Science; Sociology; and School of Music, Theatre, and Dance.

f. College of Natural Resources (last revised June 21, 2011)
Comprising the Departments of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability; Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology; Forest and Rangeland Stewardship; Geosciences; and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources

g. College of Natural Sciences
Comprising the Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Mathematics; Physics; Psychology; and Statistics.

h. College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Comprising the Departments of Biomedical Sciences; Clinical Sciences; Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences; and Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology.

Rationale:

The Department of Ethnic Studies unanimously agreed to a name change after months of conversations and student feedback. The new name, “Department of Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies,” reflects student needs and interests, as well as faculty expertise. This name change also reflects our recent undergraduate curriculum revisions. By clearly articulating the Department’s expertise and strengths, the name change will help substantially with student recruitment and retention.

The name change reflects the department’s growth and its new identity as home to two disciplines, i.e., Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies. The name change will align with departments elsewhere that offer a combination of similar programs. The University of Alabama, for example, is home to a Department of Gender and Race Studies; American University has a Department of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies; and the University of Nevada houses the Department of Gender, Race, and Identity. The name change also lends strength to campus initiatives on race, inclusion, and diversity, as reflected in the University and College strategic plans. The name change will be an institutional asset and establish Colorado State University’s clear commitment to the study of Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies.