



MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk, President

From: Linda L. Neider
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: March 1, 2021

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2020-54(B) – Name Change of the Department of Sociology TO the Department of Sociology and Criminology, College of Arts and Sciences.

The Faculty Senate, at its February 24, 2021 meeting, had no objections to the approval of the name change of the Department of Sociology TO the Department of Sociology and Criminology for the College of Arts and Sciences. This name change better reflects the university's academic offerings and research reputation.


This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Executive Vice President and Provost
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Alexis Piquero, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences
Guillermo Prado, Dean, Graduate School
Patty Murphy, Associate Provost for University Accreditation, Office of Assessment and Accreditation

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2020-54(B) – Name Change of the Department of Sociology TO the Department of Sociology and Criminology, College of Arts and Sciences.

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/16/21
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Leonidas Bachas, College of Arts and Sciences

 EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(Pending any further Board of Trustees approval)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____



Non-Curricular Proposal Submission Form

Please refer to the [Procedures for Program Changes](#) document for information on the approvals and notifications needed for program changes and the [Proposal Submissions Specifications](#) document for an explanation of the process and a list of the materials required.

(Please note that change approvals can take 2 semesters to complete.)

FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Save/download the form as a pdf.
2. After completing the information below, print and scan the form.
3. Insert it with the background materials that are specified, in the order listed, and submit to facsen@miami.edu.

Please note: only scanned versions can be accepted.

Include this checklist at the beginning of each proposal.

KEY CONTACT PERSONNEL INFORMATION

First Name

Alexis

Last Name

Piquero

Proponent's Title

Chair and Professor of Sociology
Arts & Sciences Distinguished Scholar

Department, if applicable

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School/College

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Title of Proposal

Proposal to change department name from "Department of Sociology" to "Department of Sociology and Criminology"

MANDATORY MEMORANDA AND FORMAT

Please check that each item listed below is included in the proposal package of materials, in the ORDER as listed. The applicable title (i.e. Letter of Explanation, Memo from the Dean, etc.) is to precede each section in the materials.

Only proposals conforming to this format will be accepted.

1. This completed checklist.

2. Letter of explanation. (2-3 pages only, double spaced, 12 pt font)

Yes No

If no, explain why:

3. A memo from the dean(s) signifying approval of the faculty of the relevant School(s) / Colleges(s).

Yes No

If no, explain why:

4. A memo that all affected or relevant School / College Council(s) have approved.

Yes No

If no, explain why:

5. A memo from the department chair(s) signifying approval of the faculty of the relevant department(s).

Yes No

If no, explain why:

6. A memo from the Office of Accreditation and Assessment (OAA) if the proposal involves academic programs (degrees, certificates, majors, minors, concentrations, specializations, tracks, etc.) such as new programs, closing programs, or program changes (such as changes in requirements, program length, modality, name, location).

Applicable Not applicable.

If not, explain why:

7. A memo from the Graduate School Dean signifying approval of the Graduate Council (for graduate programs only) OR the University Curriculum Committee (for undergraduate programs only) recommendation form.

Applicable Not applicable.

If not, explain why:

8. Academic Deans Policy Council (ADPC) approval, for interdisciplinary issues and as appropriate. Please consult with the Dean of the Graduate School or the Secretary of the Faculty Senate to check if this is needed.

Yes No

If no, explain why:

This is not applicable as it is only a name change. #8 is only relevant for cross- or multi-school issues.

9. Additional required documents as listed on the "Proposal Submissions Specifications," i.e. market analysis, budget information, assessment of library collections, etc. as specified.

List additional documents included:

N/A

End form.

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Alex R. Piquero
Chair, Department of Sociology
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November 12, 2020

Dear Dean Prado and Dr. Neider:

The Department of Sociology is proposing changing its name to Department of Sociology and Criminology.

During the Fall 2020 semester, the Department has had a few conversations about a name change to better reflect our academic offerings and research reputation. As you know, the Department has long had a Bachelor's in Criminology and recently started a Master of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice (in addition to having a full complement of degrees, including a PhD in sociology with a specialization in criminology). In addition to its 13 tenure/tenure-track faculty (6 of whom are criminologists), a Senior Lecturer, and several affiliated faculty, the Department has a healthy enrollment at the undergraduate level (148 Sociology majors and 170 Criminology majors). It has roughly ten students in its new Masters of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice, and over twenty doctoral students.

The Department feels that a name to change to the Department of Sociology and Criminology better reflects our degree offerings for students, reflects the strong research presence in criminology among our faculty, and situates us well with other peer institutions who have recently made a similar name change, including Penn State University (Department of Sociology and Criminology), University of Florida (Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law), and University of Iowa (Department of Sociology and Criminology). As well, the graduate students are supportive of this name change. In short, the name change to Department of Sociology and Criminology is appropriate, accurate, and supported by the faculty with a formal vote on November 11, 2020.

Best,

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Alex R. Piquero
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November 12, 2020

Dear Dean Prado and Dr. Neider:

As Chair of the Department of Sociology, I am writing you this memo indicating that the faculty has approved changing its name from the Department of Sociology to the Department of Sociology and Criminology. The formal vote was taken on November 11, 2020.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex R. Piquero'.


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2020

TO: Alex Piquero, Chair and Professor, Sociology
College of Arts and Sciences

FROM: Patty Murphy, Associate Provost 
Office of University Accreditation

RE: Renaming of Sociology Department to Department of Sociology and Criminology

The College of Arts and Sciences notified me on 11/12/2020 of its intent to rename the Department of Sociology to the Department of Sociology and Criminology. This change is being made to more accurately reflect the scope of the department's academic offerings and faculty research expertise.

SACSCOC does not require notification or approval of changes to academic departments.

Please contact me if you have any questions at pattymurphy@miami.edu.

cc: Faculty Senate
Karen Beckett, University Registrar
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Guillermo Prado, Dean, Graduate School

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November 17, 2020

Dear Dean Bachas, Dean Prado, and Dr. Neider:

This letter confirms that the College of Arts and Sciences' College Council unanimously approved the proposed name change of the "Department of Sociology" to "Department of Sociology & Criminology," at our meeting on November 16, 2020. The Council members were persuaded by the arguments advanced by the proponents of the change, namely that that it better reflects the faculty composition and degree offerings of the Department. Lastly, this change would bring UM's Department in-line with similar name changes that have been/are being made at other highly ranked institutions.

Sincerely,

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William J. Pestle
Chair, CAS College Council

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To: Linda Neider
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: Leonidas G. Bachas 
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Subject: Name Change for the Department of Sociology

Date: December 8, 2020

I am writing to express my full support for the Department of Sociology's proposed name change to the Department of Sociology and Criminology. This name change is in line with our peer institutions, as reported in the department's proposal, and accurately reflects the research and course work at the core of the faculty's efforts.

On December 8, 2020, at a regular meeting, the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences unanimously voted in favor of this proposal. I am now forwarding the proposal to the Senate for action. For your convenience, attached you will find a copy of the proposal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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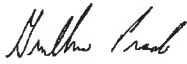
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2021

TO: Linda Neider
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Guillermo (Willy) Prado 
Dean, Graduate School

SUBJECT: Proposed Name Change to the Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology submitted a proposal to change the name of the Department of Sociology to the Department of Sociology and Criminology. The proposal was discussed at the meeting of the Graduate Council on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. No concerns were expressed by Council members.

CC: Alex Piquero, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, College of Arts & Sciences
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Tiffany Plantan, Director of Education, Graduate School
Patty Murphy, Associate Provost for University Accreditation, Office of Assessment and Accreditation