

Revision of FH 2.8.1.4 Rationale

Renaming of an Academic Unit that modifies the description of the academic field is an academic decision requiring Senate input as part of shared governance. The current wording concerning the nature of the input is vague. It is unclear whether the renaming request should go through Academic Affairs Council. Governance Council decided that was not required and recommends the following clarification. The renaming requests come to the and the EB will determines given the specifics of the request whether it should be forwarded to the senate or whether it should go to a Council for more discussion.

2.8 Policy for Renaming Academic Units

2.8.1 Renaming to Modify Description of Scope of Academic Unit

The renaming of academic units (departments, interdepartmental and interdisciplinary programs, schools, or colleges) to modify description of the academic fields encompassed by the unit is an academic activity that is part of university governance shared by faculty and administration. Renaming is carried out via a multi-step process involving discussion, planning, and review.

2.8.1.1 Discussion and Planning

2.8.1.2 Faculty Evaluation and Vote

2.8.1.3 Review by Senior Vice President and Provost

After reviewing the plan and recommendation of the dean, the senior vice president and provost may take one of the following actions:

- **Return Plan to College**
The senior vice president and provost may send the plan back to the college for further review and/or revision.
- **Reject Plan**
The senior vice president and provost may reject the plan and terminate the process, leaving the existing name in place.
- **Submit Plan to Faculty Senate**
The senior vice president and provost may submit the plan to the Faculty Senate for a review with a recommendation that it be approved.

2.8.1.4 Review by Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate will review the plan as submitted by the senior vice president and provost. The Senate's review [will begin in the Executive Board and](#) may include discussions with the faculty and/or administrators in the unit. The Senate may request further information and/or clarification from the senior vice president and provost about the plan and about his or her recommendation. The Senate's review will conclude with an advisory vote and recommendation to the president.