

**University of Windsor
Program Development Committee**

5.9: **Women's Studies Name Change and Creation of AAU**

Item for: **Approval**

MOTION: That the Women's Studies Program Area be renamed and given Academic Administrative Unit (AAU) status as the Department of Women's and Gender Studies.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

Rationale/Approvals:

- As part of the Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP), it was recommended that the name Women's Studies be changed to Women's and Gender Studies due to the shift in the field and trans-identified students. Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology have been consulted about the name change.
- Women's Studies, although a program in the Dean's Office, has been essentially operating as an Academic Administrative Unit (AAU) for many years. Benefits of Women's and Gender Studies becoming an AAU include: raising the profile of programs and more efficient management of its activities, such as the promotion of the new certificate in Work and Employment Issues.
- There are no new financial costs as Women's Studies has office space and staff.
- This proposal has been approved by Women's Studies and by FAHSS Coordinating Council.