

DATE: January 19, 2024

TO: Senate

FROM: Dr. David Hornsby, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic), and Chair, Senate
Quality Assurance and Planning Committee

RE: Academic Unit name Change: School of Canadian and Indigenous Studies

Background

On June 2, 2023 Senate approved that the Indigenous Studies faculty and programs in the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies relocate to the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies. This change took place on July 1, 2023. As a result, the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies is requesting to be renamed **The School of Canadian Studies**.

Academic Unit Name Change Process

Following approval and support of the proposed name change by the academic unit, and line Dean, approval is provided by Faculty Board, the Senate Quality Assurance and Planning Committee (SQAPC) and Senate before being recommended to the Board of Governors.

Recommendation to Approve the Academic Unit Name Change

SQAPC Motion January 11, 2024:

THAT SQAPC recommends to Senate the change in the name of the School of Canadian and Indigenous Studies to School of Canadian Studies as presented with effect upon final approval.

Senate Motion January 26, 2024

THAT Senate recommends to the Board of Governors the change in the name of the School of Canadian and Indigenous Studies to School of Canadian Studies as presented to take effect immediately upon approval.

MEMORANDUM

To: Vice-President's Academic and Research Committee (VPARC)

From: David Carment, Director of School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies

CC: Anne Bowker, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Paul Keen, Associate Dean (Faculty Affairs), Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Patrice Smith, Dean, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

Dan Siddiqi, Associate Dean (Programs), Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

Date: September 15, 2023

Subject: School of Canadian and Indigenous Studies Name Change (SICS) Major Modification Track A1

Modification Description

The Academic Unit “The School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies (SICS)” is renamed “The School of Canadian Studies (SCS)”.

Rationale

On July 1, 2023 Indigenous Studies faculty and programs in the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies (SICS) relocated to the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies. In light of this change, the faculty of SICS voted unanimously that the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies be renamed **The School of Canadian Studies**.

The proposed change is modest and forward looking while rooted in Carleton’s rich history. The School’s legacy and the seminal contributions our students and faculty have made to the development and enlargement of Carleton University must be noted. Indeed, Carleton was founded with Canadian Studies as a cornerstone to University development and growth. Since then, the School has served as a “hothouse” for the development of at least three or four now independent programs including: Indigenous studies, gender studies, and political economy (See Appendix A).

The School is one of a handful of programs with a PhD in Canadian Studies. The School has faculty designated as Professors of Canadian Studies with 100% appointments. The School offers a highly coveted specialisation in heritage studies. The School offers a truly interdisciplinary program. Our enrollment is reasonably strong and it is our intention to grow these numbers through a concerted recruitment and outreach agenda.

In sum, the change in name will allow the unit to consolidate and re-envision its continued future as a leader in Canadian Studies, including to further the pursuit of diversification of the School’s faculty, pedagogical approaches and research priorities.

Impact on Learning Outcomes and Program Delivery

This change in name does not affect the curriculum or learning outcomes of the BA, MA and PhD programs in Canadian Studies that are housed in SICS. Cross appointed faculty whose home unit is SICS will remain affiliated with the School. The Indigenous Studies faculty who are to be housed in IIS will maintain 0% appointments to the School to ensure continuity of graduate supervisions. The Director and Administrative Staff of the SICS will be the Director and Staff of SCS.

Impact on Other Programs

This change will have minimal impact on other programs at the university. Joint majors, or cross-listed courses will not be affected. Faculty in Canadian Studies will retain their cross-appointments and graduate supervisory privileges in other units.

Resources

- a. *Dean and Faculty Affiliation:* The program will remain in the Faculty of Arts. Responsibility for tasks such as timetabling, requests for new positions, CourseLeaf entries, and quality assurance will reside with the School of Canadian Studies.
- b. *Faculty resources:* No changes.
- c. *Administrative support:* No changes.
- d. *Space:* The School will remain in its current location on the 12th floor of Dunton Tower. No offices will move as part of this governance change.
- e. *Other:* Minor expenses related to changing signage, website, printed matter, etc.

Appendix A

School Degrees

Degree programs offered, by start date

- MA in Canadian Studies (1957)
- BA General in Canadian Studies (1975; 1979)
- BA Combined Honours in Canadian Studies (1982)
- MA program area in Northern and Native Studies (1982)
- MA program area in Women's Studies (1983)
- MA program area in Canadian Culture and Cultural Policy (1986)
- MA program area in Heritage Conservation (1989)
- BA Minor in Canadian Studies (1998)
- PhD program in Canadian Studies joint with Trent University -w 5 fields (2001)
 - Culture, Literature, and the Arts
 - Environment and Heritage
 - Policy, Economy and Society
 - Identities
 - Women's Studies
- BA Minor in Indigenous Studies (2006)
- PhD Collaborative specialization in Political Economy (2005)
- MA in Canadian Studies (2010) –removing comp exams, adding coursework option
- BA Honours in Canadian Studies (2012)
- MA Canadian Studies with Specialization in Digital Humanities (2012)
- BA Combined Honours in Indigenous Studies (2017)
- BA Minor in Heritage and Conservation (2019)
- BA Minor in Quebec Studies (2020)
- BA General/Honours in Indigenous Studies (starting fall 2023)
- MA Canadian Studies – Concentration in Heritage Planning and Studies (in process)

Degree programs currently offered (year first offered)

- BA General in Canadian Studies (1975; 1979)
 - BA Combined Honours in Canadian Studies (1982)
 - BA Minor in Canadian Studies (1998)
 - BA Minor in Indigenous Studies (2006)

- BA Honours in Canadian Studies (2012)
- BA Combined Honours in Indigenous Studies (2017)
- BA Minor in Heritage and Conservation (2019)
- BA Minor in Quebec Studies (2020)
- BA General/Honours in Indigenous Studies (starting fall 2023)
- MA in Canadian Studies (1957)
 - MA program areas - Northern and Native Studies (1982); Women's Studies (1983); Canadian Culture and Cultural Policy (1986); Heritage Conservation (1989)
 - MA in Canadian Studies (2010) –with coursework option, MRP and thesis
 - MA in Canadian Studies with Specialization in Digital Humanities (2012)
 - MA in Canadian Studies: Concentration in Heritage Planning and Studies (starting fall 2023)
- PhD program in Canadian Studies joint with Trent University -w 5 fields (2001)
 - Culture, Literature, and the Arts
 - Environment and Heritage
 - Policy, Economy and Society
 - Identities
 - Women's Studies
- PhD Collaborative specialization in Political Economy (2005)



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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM SISTER UNIT

RE: Name change of the School of Canadian and Indigenous Studies to the School of Canadian Studies

[X] I support this change unconditionally.

[] I do not support this change.

[] I support this change, with the following reservations:

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie C. Garlen".

Name: Julie C. Garlen

Title: Director

Academic unit: Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies

Date: October 12, 2023

Notes: I am acknowledging departmental support on behalf of Indigenous Studies faculty members, who recently moved from the School of Canadian Studies to the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies.