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DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE FOR THE ART DEPARTMENT

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That this takes effect for the Fall 2012 semester.
2. That this proposal be forwarded to President George M. Philip for approval.

Rationale for Department Name Change: Draft
October 3, 2012

The Art Department faculty has voted unanimously to initiate a proposal to change the name of the department to the “Department of Art and Art History.” This title accurately identifies the two distinct, though related, academic disciplines represented in the department’s programs. Both external evaluators in our Spring 2012 departmental assessment recommended that we thus change the name of the department, to more accurately identify our faculty composition, programmatic offerings, and curricula. Ever since the Art History major was re-instituted in 1992, members of the University at Albany community, including students and their parents, the advisement center and administrators, have expressed confusion and misunderstanding of our department’s offerings, since we are all designated under the umbrella of “art,” a term which accurately denotes only one of the two disciplinary programs in our department. We already have separate rubrics in our course numbering system to distinguish our two areas: ART and ARH, providing a precedent for this name change. The faculty is asking for this revision in order to reflect the true nature of the programs in our department