To: Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs

From: The Women’s and Gender Studies Program, University of Montana-Missoula, Co-Directors Anya Jabour and Elizabeth Hubble

Re: Program Name Change to The Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

Date: August 26, 2014

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program (WGSS) at The University of Montana-Missoula, the WGSS Co-Directors are submitting this Level I Request to formally change the program’s name to the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program to better reflect our course offerings, our students’ interests, and national trends in the interdisciplinary fields related to the study of gender and sexuality.

In Spring 2014, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program went through an outside evaluation for our self study, and our outside evaluator (Catherine Palczewski, Ph.D., University of Northern Iowa) interviewed students who fully supported this name change. Further, for the past several years, almost all courses relating to sexuality have been cross-listed (either formally or informally) with the Women’s and Gender Studies Program. This name change simply serves to reflect the direction of our program.

NB: WGSS is also submitting a Level II Request for a major in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies during this review cycle. Both requests are budget neutral.