

Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

✓ C. Lovitt
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Registrar

Senate Motion Number FS 11.12.024B

TO: President Jack Miller

FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: **Department Name**
Change—Psychological Science is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on **2/13/2012**.
3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.8, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
 - a) By **2/20/2012**, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
 - b) By **2/27/2012**, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

2/16/2012

Date

BB for CB

Candace Barrington, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate

FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved : ✓
2. Motion Disapproved: _____ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": _____
4. Resolution Noted: _____
5. Other: _____

Date

2/27/12

President Jack Miller

John Miller

Senate Bill FS 11-12-024 B

The Central Connecticut State University Faculty Senate supports the Department of Psychology name change to Department of Psychological Science. This change would take effect starting Fall semester 2012.

Rationale: The rationale for the proposed departmental name change is to place more emphasis on the empirical nature of psychology as a science, to increase recognition of the fact that psychology is a scientific discipline, and to reflect the fact that the majority of the current full-time psychology faculty function as scientific researchers. We wish to clearly communicate to students, colleagues and the community our emphasis on rigorous empirical investigation. The change reflects a national trend to clarify our identity that is being undertaken at many universities. It is further exemplified by the renaming of one of our main national professional organizations from the American Psychological Society to the Association for Psychological Science.

There will be no impact on curriculum or budget.
