

## 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.