

Graduate Studies Committee Template

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Title: Request to rename the “Learning and Developmental Sciences” Doctoral Minor to “Learning Sciences”

GSC presenter: Joshua Danish

This proposal is for a...

- program change
 new program
 policy change
 new policy

Include responses to each question, as relevant:

1. What are you proposing and why? (If proposing a change, then the description and rationale should be relevant to the change(s) only.)

Currently, the Learning and Developmental Sciences Minor is really just the Learning Sciences Minor. We are changing the name to avoid confusion and make it easier for the other PhD programs in the track to offer their own minors more easily.

2. How will this impact enrollment?

Not anticipated to lead to changes. Possibly 1-2 students a year will be less confused about this, though.

3. How will this impact students' time to degree?

Should have no impact.

4. How will this impact specific student populations and/or DEI issues?

It should not have any specific impact.

5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads?

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It won't.

6. How will this be effectively sustained over time?

N/A.

7. What was the departmental vote tally for this proposal? (e.g., “*12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained*”)

Vote Issued: August 17, 2020

28 total faculty members

0 on Sabbatical

1 serving as SoE EAD

23 voted to accept proposed changes

4 did not vote