

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: October 1, 2008

To: Karen Cook, Chair
XLI Senate of the Academic Council

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies
Ian Hodder, Chair, Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors

Re: Recommendation to Approve Change of Name for BA, MA, PhD Degree Programs in
Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures

Provost John Etchemendy has approved a change of name for the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to the Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures, effective September 1, 2008. The attached memos from Provost Etchemendy and the Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences were brought to C-RUM on May 16, 2008 and to C-GS on May 22, 2008. Both committees gave unanimous approval for the requested changes in the degree program names.

It should be noted that, although the Department has carried the name “Spanish and Portuguese,” the BA, MA, and PhD degree programs have always been “Spanish.” The three undergraduate minors (Spanish, Portuguese, and Modern Languages) will not change their names.

Current students in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese will have the option of continuing in “Spanish” or switching to “Iberian and Latin American Cultures.” As of September 1, 2008, no undergraduates will be allowed to declare “Spanish” as a major; nor will graduate applications will be accepted for the “Spanish” degree programs.

Because this issue came to C-GS and C-RUM so late, the Senate was unable to add it to the agenda of its last meeting of the academic year. Therefore, the changes could not take place for the 2008-09 academic year. The effective date requested now becomes September 1, 2009, and the formal recommendation (below) now reflects that change.

The Committee on Graduate Studies and the Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors therefore recommend approval of the name change from “Spanish” to “Iberian and Latin American Cultures” for the Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in the renamed Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures, effective September 1, 2009.

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NAME CHANGES FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS:
'SPANISH' TO BECOME 'IBERIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN CULTURES'**

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- III. Memo from John Etchemendy, Provost, to Richard Saller, Dean, of the School of Humanities & Sciences, dated May 13, 2008.

- IV. Memo from Joan Ramon Resina, Chair, Spanish and Portuguese Department, to H&S Associate Dean Stephen Hinton, dated January 26, 2008.