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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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**Apparel Merchandising and Management, B.S. – Textiles Option Name Change to Textile
Technology and Sustainability Option**

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 02/27/2023

Executive Committee
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Date: 03/01/2023

Academic Senate

Date: 03/08/2023
First Reading

BACKGROUND:

The referral suggests a change in the title of an option under the B.S. program in **Apparel Merchandising and Management**. The current title is “**Textiles Option**,” and the program requests a name change to the “**Textile Technology and Sustainability**” option that better captures the offered courses and the program's objectives.

The rationale for the name change is to support the use of new textile equipment and technology-oriented instruments – software and hardware in the field. It also aligns with the objective of the Apparel Merchandising and Management program in adding more sustainability-related courses to the program. These topics are currently covered in the program's textile courses, and the name change aligns better with these contents. It also makes better use of the program's existing courses related to sustainability and innovation.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Deans, all colleges

Associate Deans, all colleges

All Department Chairs

Juintow Lin, Director of Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies

Dr. Cecilia Santiago-González, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Initiatives for Student Success

DISCUSSION:

During the consultation, the committee received no objections or concerns from the Deans and Department Chairs. Since some sustainability-related courses are offered under Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies, the committee provided additional information for them to review. No objection was received.

The Apparel Merchandising and Management Department also plans to create a strategy to address the admission of students into the new option with the help of the Admissions Office and Academic Advisors for the program. This change does not impact courses within the option. Current students in the program can graduate with their original curriculum year or change to the new curriculum year without any disadvantage if they are willing to have the new option name on their transcript and diploma. This change will be reflected on curriculum sheets and road maps to provide explicit instruction for current and prospective students. The Office of Student Success agrees with the Department's strategy to implement the name change and supports the proposed plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends the proposed name change of Apparel Merchandising and Management, B.S. – Textiles Option to Apparel Merchandising and Management, B.S. – Textile Technology and Sustainability Option.