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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-016-256

M.S. in Sustainability and Regenerative Studies – Program Name Change

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 11/19/2025

**Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded**

Date: 3/11/2026

Academic Senate

**Date: 3/18/2026
First Reading**

BACKGROUND:

The referral requests to change the name of M.S. in Regenerative Studies to M.S. in Sustainability and Regenerative Studies. There is great confusion in the term 'Regenerative' with programs in regenerative medicine and regenerative agriculture. The name change will help with recruitment and align with the program goals and professional opportunities related to sustainability.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Deans of all colleges were consulted via the deans@cpp.edu email list. Deans were asked to discuss any potential issues or conflicts with their constituents.

DISCUSSION:

No issues or conflicts were identified or reported. Adding "Sustainability" will strengthen recruitment and align with the growing number of careers that include sustainability in their titles. The Regenerative Studies name will remain to honor over 30 years of alumni and to reflect our commitment to regenerative approaches that go beyond sustainability.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of this name change referral.