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Members of the Faculty Senate,

The faculty of the Department of Geography has agreed to change the name of the department to the Department of Geography and Spatial Sciences. This proposed name change will help to increase our visibility and more closely align with the professional identities of the faculty members in this department.

The core of Geography is the study of spatial relationships, especially the spatial patterning of people, plants, and animals over the Earth. Inherent to this spatial dimension of the discipline are the coupled human-environment interactions that govern how living beings respond and adapt to change. With the ever-increasing use of geospatial data within the discipline (and society at large), the new name best represents the research and expertise of the faculty and favorably positions the Department both internally and externally to attract students and extramural funding. This name change has been supported and approved by the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment's Academic Council.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Estella Atekwana', written over a horizontal line.

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