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On October 2, 2023, the Library department faculty held a vote on the department's name. The 7 full-time faculty unanimously voted to approve a department name change from Library to Library & Academic Technology.

Academic Technology faculty have been part of the Library department for several years and the Library chair has led the faculty evaluation process for all Academic Technology faculty since the first Academic Technology faculty, Matt Andrasian-Jones, was hired in 2015, but many on campus are unaware of Academic Technology's place on campus or their role as faculty. As a result, the Library faculty made this decision in order to make it clearer that Academic Technology faculty are part of the department, with the goal that Academic Technology faculty can be easier recognized on campus as officially part of an instructional department.

No changes to curriculum, load, or FTES will be needed as a result of this name change.

We the faculty have discussed the results of this vote with our dean, Christie Howell, and have received her full support for this name change.

Signed,

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