Unit Name Change Request Form

Unit/College/School: School of Health and Human Services

Current Name: Kinesiology, Health, and Physical Education

Requested New Name: Kinesiology

Rationale for Requested Name Change (attach additional documentation, if needed):

Until SCSU’s recent Strategic Planning and Reorganization, the department was known by the somewhat cumbersome and outdated name of “Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport Science”, more commonly referred to on campus as “HPERSS”. The department appreciates the inclusion of “Kinesiology” as part of the department name’s revision. However, our current name of “Kinesiology, Health, and Physical Education” is almost as cumbersome as “Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport Science”, and worse, it is repetitive (i.e., health and physical education are a part of kinesiology). That is, one would not have a department of “History, American History, and Asian Studies”. The term “History” is sufficient to describe that discipline, as are other broad descriptors for other departments such as “Psychology” or “Economics”. The word “Kinesiology” is an appropriate and adequate term to describe this department. It is inclusive of the programs in the department, short, and easy to understand and describe. Kinesiology is the interdisciplinary study of human movement from physiological, psychological, and/or socio-cultural perspectives. More specifically, kinesiology is the academic discipline that involves the study of physical activity and its impact on health, society, and quality of life (American Kinesiology Association, 2009). In fact, universities that have changed their Department names to Kinesiology from HPERSS (or related names) typically demonstrate significant gains in their enrollment because their new name is a better reflection of the discipline and is clearer to students, families, admission recruiters, and high school counselors alike (AKA, 2009). SCSU’s peer and aspirational institutions have experienced upwards of 20% growth in their number of majors after changing their school/department name to Kinesiology, particularly in the number of Exercise Science related majors, or Athletic Training majors. The number of Physical Education majors has remained steady or grown after such name changes to the academic unit. Almost 200 related departments in the US use the word “kinesiology” to describe the work being done on their campuses. Clearly, Kinesiology is a name being used nationwide and one that best and most succinctly reflects the interdisciplinary work being done in our department and at SCSU.

Describe process used by unit and college/school to approve name change (include documentation such as meeting minutes if available):

General conversation has occurred in the KHPE department about a name change from Kinesiology, Health, and Physical Education to Kinesiology since the new name was introduced in December 2010. A name change was discussed at two faculty meetings and each time, a unanimous vote of the faculty supported the department’s name being changed to “Kinesiology”. Specifically, on August 17, 2011, a motion was put forward requesting a name change. This motion passed unanimously. An identical motion was put forward during the next faculty meeting on September 9, 2011. The motion was also passed unanimously in support of a department name change from “Kinesiology, Health, and Physical Education” to “Kinesiology”. The brevity and consistency of the internal process to reach this decision is a clear reflection of the department’s support of this name change. The relevant portion of the faculty meeting minutes from both meetings is attached.

Describe minority opinion within the department/unit (attach additional documentation, if available):

The vote to change the name from Kinesiology, Health, and Physical Education to Kinesiology was unanimous. During the department’s discussions about the name change, some minority opinions were offered about certain specialties not being fully represented by the name Kinesiology. Consensus and a unanimous vote to change the department name to Kinesiology was achieved by committing to listing ALL specialties in the department in all printed materials, websites, etc. (e.g., Health/Physical Education Teacher Education, Recreation and Sport Management [undergraduate] Community Health, Athletic Training, Coaching, Developmental Adapted Physical Education, Sport Management [graduate], and Exercise Science [graduate]). After this form was initially submitted to the department for review, one faculty member submitted additional information representing a minority opinion via email. Due to space limitations on this page, that email is attached, rather than included here.
Required Signatures:

Unit representative (i.e., chair, director): [Signature] Date: 11/14/11
(Representative will be asked to attend SPC meeting to discuss request.)

☐ Recommend  ☐ Do not Recommend

Comment:

Dean (if applicable): [Signature] Date: 11/15/11

☐ Recommend  ☐ Do not Recommend

Comment:

Strategic Planning Committee Co-chair: [Signature] Date: 11/3/12

☐ Recommend  ☐ Do not Recommend

SPC Motion: The SPC supports and recommends this name change be approved.

Provost or Appropriate Vice President: [Signature] Date: 11/3/12
(Following SPC recommendation)

☐ Recommend  ☐ Do not Recommend

Comment:

President: [Signature] Date: 11/4/11

☐ Approve  ☐ Do not Approve

Comment:

Upon final determination, copies should be sent to:
Requesting unit
Appropriate Dean or Vice President
Human Resources
Academic Affairs
Administrative Affairs
Strategy, Planning & Effectiveness
Records & Registration
November 15, 2011

Lisa,

Please find attached a Unit Name Change Request Form from the department of Kinesiology, Health and Physical Education.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 8-4173.

Best wishes,

Monica C. Devers, Ph.D.

Interim Dean
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2011  
Halenbeck Hall 345

The meeting convened at 8:37 am. The following faculty members were present: Giovanni Antunez, Dave Bacharach, Laura Finch, Jason Fischer, Jeremy Frost, Teresa Heck, Caryl Martin, Bill Picconatto, Terri Sheehan, Glenn Street, Sue Tarr and Lori Ulferts.

NB: This meeting lasted approximately three hours. This was the first faculty meeting of the 2011-2012 school year, and lengthy discussion occurred about numerous issues. These 4-5 pages about these other discussion items have been removed from this submission to save electronic and print resources.

Announcements:

Motion to accept the agenda: MSP: T. Heck/D. Bacharach

Committees:

1. MSP: L. Finch/J. Fischer: Motion to approve committee assignments

Old Business:

2. MSP: D. Bacharach/B. Picconatto: Motion to approve minutes from last meeting in April
3. MSP: D. Bacharach/G. Street: Motion to tentatively approve policies until they change. Internship was changed last year to 36:1 (36 credits to 1 FTE for instructor) as well as the number of required undergrads and grad students for the class to make.
4. Recommendations for faculty meetings for fall semester: MSP with 1 objection: G. Street/ B. Picconatto: First Thursday of the month at 3:30. First meeting will be Thursday, September 1st. Lori Ulferts will look at the office hours schedules and come up with a more mutually agreeable time to meet for future meetings.

New Business:

5. MSP: T. Sheehan/D. Bacharach: motion to invite Dean Monica Devers to the next department meeting – she wants to come and meet everyone.
6. Budget: [discussion removed to save space]
7. Purchases: [discussion removed to save space]
8. Department name: Is everyone okay with the new name? Some feel it is redundant and it makes us look like we don’t know what we’re doing. Can we simplify it to “Kinesiology” and be done with it? “Kinesiology and Health?” It’s not Rec and Sports Mgt.

Discussion...Should we be the “Department of Kinesiology” and list all of our programs; majors and minors? Are we losing students because they can’t find us? Can they find us in the bulletin or online? We need to get the information across campus. We need accurate information on the website and a better search engine. There is a new group of web people and they are doing a much better job. If you have changes to the web site, give them to Suzanne and she’ll submit them for you. Teresa Heck called the question.

MSP unanimously: T. Heck/J. Fischer to request a name change to “Kinesiology”

Discussion: Every program needs to be listed so no program is lost.

9. Common Core for the Graduate program
10. Health 301 – redesign it so it meets Goal 8?
11. Internships, Supervisors & Student Teaching – what is the policy
12. Senior to Sophomore Program

Meeting adjourned at 11:33am. MSP: B. Picconatto/D. Bacharach to adjourn
Respectfully submitted by Suzanne R. Nordos
Faculty Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2011
Halenbeck Hall 344

The meeting convened at 9:04 am. The following faculty members were present: Giovanni Antunez, Dave Bacharach, Laura Finch, Jason Fischer (arrived at 9:36), Teresa Heck, Caryl Martin, Terri Sheehan, Glenn Street, Sue Tarr and Lori Ulferts.

This was a called meeting to discuss Faculty Lines.

1. Caryl Martin opened the floor for discussion regarding what lines the department should put forward. Athletic Training Position – did we vote last time? There was confusion. (Yes, we did vote last time (9/1/2011):
   **MSP:** T. Sheehan/G. Street - to support ATEP as a probationary line (could provide help in other areas).

   Caryl Martin called the question of lines. We are running out of time.

   **MSP:** T. Sheehan/G. Street to move forward with the following four lines:

   Lines we are requesting: 1. Athletic Training
   2. Community Health
   3. Recreation/Sports Management
   4. FTNP: PESS 122

   Terri Sheehan disagrees- R/SM is in dire need – everyone in this department should be able to teach HLTH 215, REC 133. Terri’s load is solely in R/SM because she is the only one and she needs help.

   Giovanni Antunez was asked about Community Health – he said that about 30-35 graduate per year. They don’t require them to be in the major until the internship and that will change.

   **NB:** Lengthy discussion ensured about faculty lines in the department. These four pages have been removed from this submission to save electronic and print resources.

2. Caryl Martin also asked for a motion to put forward the request to change the department name to “Kinesiology.”

   **MSP - Unanimously:** T. Sheehan/L. Finch to put forth the request to change the department name to “Kinesiology.”

3. **MSP:** T. Heck/G. Street to support the department-organized (sponsored?) social for the School of Health and Human Services.

   Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

   Respectfully submitted by Suzanne R. Nordos
From: Sheehan, Therese
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:09 AM
To: Antunez, Hector G. <hantunez@stcloudstate.edu>, Bacharach David <dbacharach@stcloudstate.edu>, Conkell Carol <cconkell@stcloudstate.edu>, Finch Laura <lfinch@stcloudstate.edu>, Fischer Jason <jfischer@stcloudstate.edu>, Martin Cary <cmartin@stcloudstate.edu>, Nordos Suzanne <snnordos@stcloudstate.edu>, Picconatto, William J. <wpicconatto@stcloudstate.edu>, Sheehan, Therese <tsheehan@stcloudstate.edu>, Street Glenn <gmstreet@stcloudstate.edu>, Tarr Susan <starr@stcloudstate.edu>, Ulferts Lori lkulferts@stcloudstate.edu, Devers, Monica C.; shhs-l@stcloudstate.edu
Subject: minority report for name change request

During the discussion of the department name change, there was information presented that the name kinesiology did not represent many of the programs presently housed in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport Science. Kinesiology can be defined as "The study of the anatomical and mechanical basis of human movement. Kinesiology includes anatomy, mechanics, and physiology of muscles and skeleton." (Oxford dictionary). This definition does not relate well with the programs of Community Health, Athletic Training Education Program, Recreation/Sport Management undergraduate programs and the Sport Management graduate program. Students in these programs will not relate to the name Kinesiology Department in trying to find their professional degree programs. Even the programs in Health and Physical Education may not be perceived by students as being related to kinesiology. The only program in the department that will be perceived as a direct connection to the name kinesiology would be the graduate program in Exercise Science which includes the field of kinesiology.

Having program websites does not alleviate the problem of students locating the individual programs not related to the term kinesiology. When looking at the SCSU catalog, students will equate the department of kinesiology to the most common definition of the term, (The study of the anatomical and mechanical basis of human movement. Kinesiology includes anatomy, mechanics, and physiology of muscles and skeleton) and not to the professional programs of Community Health, Athletic Training Education Program, Recreation/Sport Management undergraduate programs and the Sport Management graduate program. Therefore it will be more difficult for the students in the largest two programs in the department (Community Health and Recreation/Sport Management) to find these programs.

Since the programs and faculty in the department were not changed during this transition to the new model, and the two largest programs in the department are not adequately identified in the proposed name for the department, why not retain the previous name for the department: The Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport Science.

This is being submitted after adequate time for departmental input and response.

This email is the only KHPE faculty response to the previous email about a minority opinion:
FROM: Bacharach David <dbacharach@stcloudstate.edu>
RE: minority report for name change request
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:59 AM

Hi y'all,
I think Terri has a good point although I'm a bit surprised that Terri and perhaps others didn't voice their feelings more clearly at the dept meeting. I'm opposed to "not" changing the name of our dept. In fact, I'm quite confident that others feel a bit like me, ambivalent about what we call our dept. I personally am ok with whatever we collectively decide again and that name would not have to include exercise science.

Terri, The definition you used below is correct albeit a bit narrow. I'm not a big fan of Wikipedia, but here is the first link if a person were to "Google" the term Kinesiology: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinesiology It clearly is broader than "anatomical and mechanical basis..." The name Kinesiology has been adopted by many of our departmental colleagues around the country for many reasons; but, I do agree that it is not descriptive of health or recreation.