

Proposed Name Change for the Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences

We request to change the name of our department by simply dropping "Kinesiology" so that our new department name would be "Health Sciences". This name change is requested as it reflects the continuing evolution of the department and what it focuses on. This is especially true with the recent hires in human nutrition. Moreover, our graduating students RARELY move on to graduate programs in Kinesiology, instead proceeding to graduate study in physical therapy, occupational therapy, public health, nursing, epidemiology, physicians assistants, etc. Moreover, the physical activities program is no longer affiliated with us. The name "Health Sciences" is indeed broad, but that is necessary to incorporate our concentrations in Allied Health, Public Health, Pre-med (Bev Sher informs us that currently, we have the 3rd highest number of pre-med students as majors on campus), and shortly, Human Nutrition. Clearly what we were as a department even several years ago has dramatically changed along with the interests of our students. All of our current faculty focus on health issues, regardless of the methods and procedures they use to investigate health status. We simply ask that we be allowed to change our name to reflect those changes.