

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

***Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to  
Change the Name of the Department of Physical Education  
to the Department of Kinesiology***

**WHEREAS** the academic discipline of physical education has significantly expanded beyond its traditional teacher education programs in the past 30 years to include sub-disciplines such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, sport management, sport psychology, athletic training, motor learning and pedagogy; and

**WHEREAS** Kinesiology, the study of movement, is a term that is used in American higher education to describe a multifaceted field of study in which movement or physical activity is the intellectual focus; and

**WHEREAS** this name change movement has been encouraged by the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate recommend the RME to change the name of the Department of Physical Education to the Department of Kinesiology; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate recommend that the B.S. degree program in Physical Education also be renamed Kinesiology.

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