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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: April 22, 2010

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2009-26(B) – Name change for the School of Education Department of *Exercise* and Sport Sciences to the Department of *Kinesiology* and Sport Sciences

At its April 21, 2010 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal from the School of Education to change the name of the Department of *Exercise* and Sport Sciences to the Department of *Kinesiology* and Sport Sciences with the directive from the Faculty Senate calling for consultation and continuing conversation between this and other cognate programs/schools as the department develops.

The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

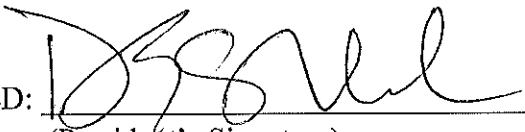
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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Isaac Prilleltensky, Dean, School of Education
Arlette Perry, Chair, Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2009-26(B) – Name change for the School of Education Department of *Exercise* and Sport Sciences to the Department of *Kinesiology* and Sport Sciences

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/28/2010
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN ISAAC PRILLELTENSKY

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

Dear General Welfare Committee,

A few years ago, the University of Miami was invited to become a member of the American Kinesiology Association (AKA). After becoming a more active participant in the organization, we were invited by the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education (AAKPE), an affiliate of the AKA, to go up for a national ranking. The AAKPE has been appointed by the National Research Council to rank the top graduate programs in Kinesiology and Exercise Science in the country. I believe the University of Miami was asked for several reasons:

1. Our faculty have an impressive record of publications and grants
2. Our students have an impressive record of post-doctoral positions at some of the finest medical schools in the United States and Canada.
3. Both students and faculty have recognized visibility presenting at both national and regional conferences.
4. Our doctoral program is considered one of the more challenging and difficult programs in the country.

At the AKA meetings, I also learned about the pressing need to convert our programs to "Kinesiology", or a term using "Kinesiology", in the title. As stated by AKA president Dr. Jerry Thomas in KinesNews 2008; 1:1 pg 13-14.

Promoting 'Kinesiology' as the Name of Choice for the Field:

For many years, various scholars in the field have warned against the dangers of using such a plethora of names (e.g. physical education, exercise science, sports science, human movement, human performance, and many others) to represent our field. But perhaps the disadvantage to the field of not having a common identity was never more apparent than during the long process of applying for NRC recognition when the review committee worried that because of our many names they 'would not be able to find us' when it was time for doctoral program evaluations. As a result, it is now a strong recommendation of the AAKPE, and also of the AKA, that 'kinesiology' become the name of choice for all degree programs that study physical activity and that 'kinesiology' be the name (or at least part of the name) of all departments where kinesiology programs are housed.

Thus, we were advised by the AKA and the AAKPE to change our name. *The term "kinesiology" is now the recognized taxonomy for departments encompassing programs in Exercise Physiology, Sport Administration, Biomechanics, Sport Medicine, Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, and/or Physical Education.* In an article entitled "A Review and Evaluation of Doctoral Programs 2000-2004 by the AAKPE", written by Dr. Jerry Thomas and Dr. Gilmour Reeves (Quest; 2006; 58:176-196), it shows that the majority of the top ranked programs are called Kinesiology, followed by Exercise and Sport Science or Exercise Science. The top five programs in the country (Penn State, University of Connecticut, Arizona State University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and University of Maryland) are all entitled Kinesiology (*see enclosed list of the top 32 ranked programs*).

Our rationale for the name change is to conform to the Academy and to the direction our field is now taking (see enclosed note by Roberta Rikli, AAKPE president). Although we did not make the deadline for this year's evaluation of top programs, we are cognizant of the fact that we need to effect a name change to be ready for the next upcoming national ranking.

The department provides a comprehensive and diversified balance of experts from Exercise Physiology, Sports Medicine, Athletic Training, Biomechanics, Kinesiology, Gross Anatomy, and Sport Administration. This lends further support to the need to unite our fields of expertise under a more common name, as recommended by the AKA. Sport Administration represents the largest undergraduate and graduate program in the department, followed by Exercise Physiology. At last count, there were 165 Sport Administration undergraduate majors and 145 Exercise Physiology undergraduate majors. However, I understand the numbers increase approximately every 2-3 weeks. There are 32 graduate majors in Sport Administration and 17 graduates in Exercise Physiology. *Furthermore, there are plans to hire a new tenure track position in Biomechanics as we expand our facility and provide space necessary for a "gait analysis" laboratory.*

Given this information, I hereby request a letter of support to change our department name to Kinesiology and Sport Sciences and our bid for an NRC ranking.

Sincerely,
Dr. Arlette Perry, Chair
Exercise and Sport Sciences Department

Overall Final Score and Rank *

University	Academic Unit	Rank	Score
Pennsylvania State U.	Kinesiology	1	66
U. of Connecticut	Kinesiology	1	66
Arizona State U.	Kinesiology	3	63
U. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Kinesiology	3	63
U. of Maryland	Kinesiology	3	63
U. of Massachusetts-Amherst	Exercise Science	6	62
Indiana U.	Kinesiology	7	59
Oregon State U.	Exercise & Sport Science	8	57
Teachers College-Columbia U.	Biobehavioral Sciences	8	57
U. of South Carolina	Exercise Science	8	57
Texas A&M U.	Kinesiology	11	56
U. of Minnesota	Kinesiology	11	56
U. Texas-Austin	Kinesiology	13	54
U. of Georgia-Athens	Kinesiology	14	52
U. of Houston	Human Performance	15	50
U. of Illinois-Chicago	Kinesiology	15	50
U. of Wisconsin-Madison	Kinesiology	15	50
Michigan State U.	Kinesiology	18	48
U. of Michigan	Kinesiology	18	48
Iowa State U.	Human Performance	20	47
Louisiana State U.	Kinesiology	21	46
Ohio State U.	Physical Activity & Educational Services	22	43
West Virginia University	Physical Education	22	43
Purdue U.	Kinesiology	24	42
U. North Carolina - Greensboro	Exercise & Sport Science	24	42
U. of Oklahoma	Sport Science	26	41
U. of Utah	Exercise & Sport Science	26	41
Auburn U.	Human Performance	28	40
Texas Woman's U.	Kinesiology	29	38
U. of Mississippi	Exercise Science	30	35
Florida State U.	Sport Management, Recreation Management, & Physical Education	31	34
North Dakota State U.	Exercise Sciences	32	28

*Quest, 2006; 58: pg 181



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November 20, 2009
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Dear Chair Perry:

The American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education (AAKPE) has a strong tradition of providing leadership to our discipline. During this decade the Academy has developed, piloted, administered, and reported a national review of doctoral programs in kinesiology. The Academy has committed to this national review every five years, so that university administrators, faculty, graduate students, and potential graduate students will have consistent, timely, discipline-specific, and reliable information relating to kinesiology doctoral programs in this country. The results of the evaluation and rankings will be published in *Quest* (e.g, the 2000-2004 review in Thomas & Reeve, "A review and evaluation of doctoral programs" 58, 176-194, 2006), on the Academy Web-site (<http://www.aakpe.org/>), and in other national media.

I am writing to determine your willingness to include your doctoral program in kinesiology in this national evaluation of programs to be conducted during the spring of 2010. The fee for participation is \$600 which will help offset the Academy's cost involved in distribution of evaluation materials, data analysis, and preparation and distribution of the results. The fee must be paid when the data are submitted from the institution. Please notify Ms. Kim Scott in the AAKPE Business Office by January 15, 2010 if you plan to participate. She can be contacted via email at KimS@aakpe.org. An electronic evaluation packet with guidelines and data sheets will be sent to you by February 1, 2010. These materials are in electronic format to allow for easy distribution, data recording, and return of the data sets. The due date for submission of data and related materials to the AAKPE Business Office is March 1, 2010

The Academy believes that it is in the best interest of all of our graduate programs that they be reviewed not only according to criteria that are the core of academia (research funding, scientific scholarship, scholarly productivity) but also according to professional standards that are known best by academics in our field, not journalists nor for-profit evaluation agencies.

Your participation in this evaluation is important, not only as one approach to judging the quality of your program but also for the purpose of advancing the study of kinesiology as an academic discipline. We strongly urge all departments to participate in the upcoming review process. If you have any questions regarding the AAKPE's national evaluation of doctoral programs, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Roberta Rikli

Roberta Rikli
AAKPE President

Xc: Dr. Dean of Graduate School

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April 12, 2010

Dr. Arlette Perry, Chair
Exercise and Sport Sciences Department
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Dear Dr. Perry:

I'm writing this letter in support of your department's request to change its name to Kinesiology and Sport Sciences.

We understand that the top ranked programs in the country are now all entitled Kinesiology, followed by Exercise and Sport Science or Exercise Science. We also understand that the name "kinesiology" has become the name of choice for all degree programs that study physical activity and that "kinesiology" is recommended for the name of all departments where kinesiology programs are housed.

Additionally, the change will conform to the Academy and to the direction the field is now taking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nilda P. Peragallo', written over a horizontal line.

Nilda (Nena) P. Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor



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Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D.
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
Chief Executive Officer, University of Miami Health System

April 8, 2010

Dr. Arlette C. Perry
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Dear Arlette,

I have no objections and hence, approve of the department name change from "Exercise and Sport Sciences" to "Kinesiology and Sport Sciences".

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything else.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pascal J. Goldschmidt".

Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D.
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
Chief Executive Officer, University of Miami Health System

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