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**REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:  
DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
PROGRAM IN INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
PHYSIOLOGY AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN HEALTH AND  
HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the Department of Integrative Physiology to the Department of Health and Human Physiology and the Bachelor of Science Program in Integrative Physiology to the Bachelor of Science Program in Health and Human Physiology.

**Executive Summary:** The proposed name change reflects the impending merger of integrative physiology and health promotion and the proposed Bachelor of Arts Program in Health and Human Physiology (Agenda Item 4i) stemming from the proposed termination of the Department of Health and Sport Studies (Agenda Item 4j) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This request has been reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan priority to provide “educational excellence and impact.”

**Background:**

- ◇ **Description of department.** The Department of Integrative Physiology (1) provides high-quality, internationally recognized and cost-efficient undergraduate and graduate programs; (2) conducts and publishes the results of high-quality interdisciplinary research in the areas of faculty expertise; and (3) provides exemplary service for academic units within the University, the local community, the state of Iowa, professional societies, and appropriate private and governmental agencies. The department offers a Bachelor of Science Program in Integrative Physiology, Bachelor of Science Program in Athletic Training, Master of Science Program in Athletic Training, Master of Science Program in Integrative Physiology, and doctoral degrees in Integrative Physiology in anatomy, biomechanics, exercise and integrative physiology, and motor control.
- ◇ **Comparable name at other institutions.** The proposed name is shared by a number of universities, including the University of Florida and Texas A & M University (Health and Human Performance) and the University of Oregon and Gonzaga University (Human Physiology). In the future, other programs will likely modify their names and curricula to something similar to Health and Human Physiology to reflect changes and growth in the health science area.
- ◇ **Goals of proposed name changes.** The proposed reorganization will make better use of existing resources by merging one smaller program with two existing units. The proposed re-named department will be able to serve more students by offering a broader curriculum that will appeal to students interested in a range of offerings in the health sciences area.

- ◇ Proposed program configuration changes. The health promotion track will move from the Department of Health and Sport Studies into the current Department of Integrative Physiology. This will result in the proposed Bachelor of Arts Program in Health and Human Physiology with 52-55 credit hours in a health promotion track and 40-42 credit hours in a health studies track. The proposed name changes will communicate the integration of the department and the program curricula. The proposed changes are mapped out on Attachment A.
- ◇ Effect on students. Continuing students who have already declared the Bachelor of Science Program in Integrative Physiology or the Bachelor of Arts Program in Health and Sport Studies as their major will not be affected by the proposed name change. All current students will be able to complete their declared program of study as outlined in the 2009-2010 University of Iowa General Catalog. New students will select a program of study from the newly implemented changes.
- ◇ Effect on resources. No new faculty, staff, or facilities will be required as a result of the proposed name changes.
- ◇ Date of implementation. The proposed department and program name changes will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents.

**Proposed Changes Requested in Forms A, F, G**

