Kinesiology Majors

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Kinesiology is proposing two new comprehensive majors to replace two emphases that are being eliminated; the Human Performance Emphasis (and all of the associated options (codes: 991-066, 991-067, 991-068 and 991-069)) and the Movement Studies Emphasis (Code 991-261). The proposed new comprehensive majors are a BS degree in Rehabilitation Science, code (XXX-XXX)) and a BS degree in Exercise Science, code (XXX-XXX). These new majors will serve the same population of students currently enrolled in the emphases being eliminated and this is expected to be about 500 students combined total.

*Note: Senate executive agreed to send these forward to the University Senate for consideration as a package (creating two new majors while eliminating five other major options (codes)). The senate has the authority to take each of these recommendations up as separate items of business. Combining these proposal into one motion was done to save procedural time and not to limit discussion in the senate.*

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. The University can adequately staff all of the courses for the new majors between faculty currently on campus and searches that are currently in progress.
2. Biol 196 (Nutrition) is one required course that may have staffing issues in the near future but the Deans of A&S and Education and Human Sciences are discussing how this course will be taught in the future.
3. The way the degrees are designed is unique within UWS.
4. By focusing the major into two new comprehensive majors most courses for the majors will be taught every semester and this has the potential to increase the four-year graduation rate in Kinesiology.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. The current proposal more accurately reflects the learning objectives of the degree for both students and employers.
2. These new degrees allow the department more flexibility in scheduling courses and should improve the four year graduation rate by giving students more flexibility in choosing courses that align with their career goals.
3. The Comprehensive Major in Exercise Science will provide more immersion experiences (internships, clinical practice and research opportunities).
4. The Comprehensive Rehabilitation Science major will prepare students for entrance into graduate school or for employment in medicine based exercise programs.
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Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

Being able to offer the program is dependent upon successfully filling vacant staff positions in KINS and these searches are currently active. In addition, BIOL 196 (Nutrition) which is not currently a top priority for the Department of Biology is a required course for the Exercise Science major and it is not immediately clear how the Nutrition course will be taught in the future. Discussions about the nutrition course and its future are ongoing between A&S and EHS.

Committee Recommendation:

APC recommends elimination of two current comprehensive emphases in the Kinesiology Program;
1. Human Performance Emphasis and associated options (Codes 991-066, 991-067, 991-068 and 991-069) and

And, the approval of two new comprehensive majors in Kinesiology:
1. Exercise Science comprehensive major (Code XXX-XXX) and
2. Rehabilitation Science comprehensive major (Code XXX-XXX).
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MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of ___7___ for to ___0___ against on ___November 1, 2016___ (Date)

Recommends the:

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1. Human Performance Emphasis and associated options (Codes 991-066, 991-067, 991-068
and 991-069) and Movement Studies Emphasis (Code 991-261).

And, the approval of two new comprehensive majors in Kinesiology:
1. Exercise Science comprehensive major (Code XXX-XXX) and
2. Rehabilitation Science comprehensive major (Code XXX-XXX).

Implementation Date: 2017/18 Catalog

Signed: ______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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