

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic

RE: Name Change for School of Kinesiology: **DATE:** June 16, 2008
Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology
(SCUP 08-21)

At its June 11, 2008 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the name change for the School of Kinesiology to Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology. The name change will be effective April 1, 2009.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the name change for the School of Kinesiology to Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology. The name change will be effective April 1, 2009.

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c: P. Ruben

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School of Kinesiology

ATTENTION John Waterhouse, VP-A

TEL

FROM Peter Ruben, Director, Kinesiology

RE School of Kinesiology Name Change

DATE May 29, 2008

TIME 12:25

On March 17, 2008, the School of Kinesiology membership overwhelmingly voted in favour of the following motion: "Upon entry to the Faculty of Science the School of Kinesiology will change its name to the **Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**, and that the School will initiate the process of the new name." According to the School's Constitution, any change to the Constitution must be supported by at least a 2/3rds majority. This motion was supported by an 82% majority of School members (23 in favour, 5 opposed).

The rationale behind this initiative has been previously expressed and has received unofficial support from the Deans of FAS and Science, as well as the Chairs of MBB and Biology. The process by which our School chose this new name was comprehensive, and took into account a wide range of stakeholders from within SFU as well as from the greater community.

The name change initiative arose from a School retreat, in October 2006, held to respond to anticipated pressures of the SFU restructuring initiative, the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the changing nature of our own faculty member research interests. At that time, a strong majority of School members supported the view that our current name does not adequately reflect the breadth of our academic or research activities. There was also strong support for the idea that a different name would attract more, and a wider variety of, both student and faculty applications. Consequently, an *ad hoc* reformulation committee was formed to investigate both the name issue and programmatic structure.

The reformulation committee's recommendation regarding a new name for our unit took into account the results of an informal School poll, feedback from

stakeholders both within and outside the SFU, and careful consideration regarding our desired future path. The reformulation committee also looked at other similar programs across North America. The School poll indicated that the strong majority of our School members wanted to pursue a name change. A large number of school members and other stakeholders wanted to preserve Kinesiology in the name. This factor, as well as the regional recognition of SFU Kinesiology as a strong and vibrant undergraduate program, indicated that it was important to include Kinesiology in the name and consider double-name alternatives. "Biomedical Physiology" was chosen because it was felt to be less over-arching than other possibilities (thereby avoiding overlap with other units at SFU) and more complementary to the "Kinesiology" name. "Biomedical Physiology" was chosen to be first in the new name to emphasize our area of new growth, assist in attracting international students (especially graduate students), expand our profile with undergraduate students interested in postgraduate professional schools, and to help attract top quality faculty.

Our School membership requests the matter of our unit's name change to be addressed by the appropriate Senate committee for consideration and approval. We would be happy to provide additional documentation upon request.



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ATTENTION	John Waterhouse, Chair, SCUP
FROM	Brian Lewis, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences
RE	Support for Proposed Name Change for Kinesiology
DATE	April 23, 2008

This is to confirm that the Director of Kinesiology sought support from the other Schools in FAS for the School of Kinesiology's proposed name change to the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, effective April 2009.

The motion was supported, with no objections, by the Dean and the Directors of FAS Schools.

Brian Lewis
Dean
Faculty of Applied Sciences

cc: Dr. P. Ruben, Director, School of Kinesiology



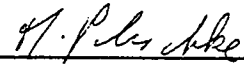
TO: Peter Ruben, Director Kinesiology

FROM: Dr. Michael Plischke, Dean
Faculty of Science

**RE: Proposed name change of
Kinesiology**

DATE: April 21, 2008

At the April 8, 2008 meeting of the Dean's Advisory Committee, the Chairs of the Departments in the Faculty of Science discussed the proposed name change of your School from the School of Kinesiology to the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology. The committee of Chairs and Dean unanimously supports this name change, to take effect when the School moves to the Faculty of Science.


Michael Plischke

✓c: J.H. Waterhouse



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2008

TO: John Waterhouse
Vice President Academic

FROM: John O'Neil
Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences

RE: Name change, School of Kinesiology



I am writing to support the name change proposed by the School of Kinesiology to the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology. I have reviewed this proposal with the Faculty Executive Committee in FHS and there was unanimous support expressed for the proposal at the meeting of May 7, 2008.

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