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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Physical Education under the graduate majors in Kinesiology (M.S., M.S. Non-Thesis, Ph.D.) to the Area of Emphasis in Sport Pedagogy will be an agenda item for the October 16, 2026, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Rodney Mauricio, Chair

cc: Interim Provost Ron Walcott

Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Date: June 23, 2026

Department/Division: Department of Kinesiology

School/College/Unit: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Proposed Effective Date: Spring 2027

PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

Current Program Name: Area of Emphasis in Physical Education under the major in Kinesiology (M.S., M.S. Non-Thesis, Ph.D.)

Proposed Program Name: Area of Emphasis in Sport Pedagogy under the major in Kinesiology (M.S., M.S. Non-Thesis, Ph.D.)

JUSTIFICATION:

Currently, the Area of Emphasis in Physical Education is offered under the graduate degrees in Kinesiology (M.S., M.S. Non-Thesis, Ph.D.) The graduate faculty in the Health and Physical Education program have voted to change the name of the graduate program to "Sport Pedagogy." This change would affect only the graduate degrees currently offered under the Area of Emphasis in Physical Education program; it would not affect the Area of Emphasis in Adapted Physical Education.

The graduate faculty in this program believe that the name "Sport Pedagogy" more accurately describes the research, teaching, and service within the program. Two additional reasons drive this decision: (a) the term "Sport Pedagogy" is more broadly applicable to the fields in which students seek employment upon graduation from the program, and (b) the term is more globally recognized, which enhances visibility to prospective graduate students.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Physical Education under the graduate majors in Kinesiology (M.S., M.S. Non-Thesis, Ph.D.) to the Area of Emphasis in Sport Pedagogy

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Kinesiology

Proposed Effective Term: Spring 2027

School/College:

- Head of the Department of Kinesiology, Dr. Jamie Cooper, 6/23/2026
- Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Kinesiology, Dr. Ginny Frederick, 6/23/2026
- Health and Physical Education Program Coordinator, Dr. Bryan McCullick, 6/23/2026
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 8/21/2026
- Graduate School Interim Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 9/18/2026