

Board Meeting  
May 17, 2007

REDESIGNATE DEPARTMENTS OF MOVEMENT SCIENCES AND HUMAN  
NUTRITION AS THE DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND NUTRITION,  
COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve the Redesignation of Departments of Movement Sciences and Human Nutrition as the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago, with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Applied Health Sciences, recommends the consolidation and redesignation of the Department of Movement Sciences and the Department of Human Nutrition as the Department of Kinesiology and Human Nutrition.

The emerging model for the study of human health integrates nutrition and physical activity, often under the term “Biology of Health.” In recent years, the College of Applied Health Sciences has considered ways to integrate this concept into its academic programs and has consulted nationally recognized experts in the pertinent fields. It has surveyed professional organizations such as the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Dietetics Association and examined the practices of other research universities. Merging the departments of movement sciences and human nutrition is in line with a national trend and is critical to meeting the current and future

needs for academic programming and scholarly endeavors. Graduating students must have mastery of the Biology of Health to succeed in the current job market.

Under the newly consolidated department, the undergraduate and graduate degrees currently offered by the separate departments, as well as the course subjects (rubrics) and content of the courses, will remain the same. The degree requirements for all six degrees will remain the same. It is anticipated that after the two departments are merged, a thorough review of the curricula will likely result in curricular changes to take advantage of the strengths of the newly merged department.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University concurs. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.