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TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)

SUBJECT: Acceptance of three requests from the Department of Kinesiology with respect to the B.S. program in Kinesiology

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION

REQUESTED: Acceptance of the following requests by the Department of Kinesiology in the School of Education and Allied Studies; effective Fall 2013-2014:

- Discontinuance of the B.S. in Kinesiology Option in Pre-Athletic Training
- Approval of a B.S. in Kinesiology Option in Social Justice
- Approval of a B.S. in Kinesiology Option in Physical Activities

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on April 5th, 2012, CAPR reviewed an information item from the Department of Kinesiology concerning the proposed amendments to the B.S. program in Kinesiology and three specific modification requests; the discontinuance of the pre-athletic training option, the approval of a social justice option, and the approval of a physical activities option. As explained to CAPR by Chair Penny McCullagh, a review of the program was long overdue following changes in the profession (for example, the professionalization and enhanced requirements for pre-athletic training along the medical school model), passage of the STAR Act (SB1440 for transfer degrees), and the creation of the new Center for Sports and Society and the enhanced interest in social justice aspects of kinesiology.

To this end, Kinesiology requested approval to discontinue its pre-athletic training option due to the changing nature of the field, which requires that programs offering professional athletic training programs be accredited, which requires faculty with doctorates in athletic training. CSU East Bay does not have, nor could acquire, the level of faculty support to make viable a program that would prepare athletic trainers for graduate programs and certification in this specialty.

Kinesiology also requested approval of two new options; the first a more generalist option in physical activities that meets the need of students seeking a broad education in the field of kinesiology, and the second an option focused on social justice, an area of expertise and

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concentration at our campus and the focus of a newly created Center on Sports and Society. With respect to the latter of these, CAPR discussed the merit of adding “sport or physical activity” into the title of the option (e.g. Option in Social Justice in Sport). Chair McCullagh stated she thought that this was implied by virtue of the option being in the kinesiology degree program but would bring that idea back to the faculty for discussion. The suggestion was made to add an adaptive physical activities course(s) (e.g. the existing course KIN4008 Adapted Physical Activity) to the option to expand the notions of justice and accessibility. McCullagh said that seemed an appropriate request but would need a faculty vote for approval. She will take this suggestion to faculty for a vote and then follow up with appropriate revisions to the option as applicable. The option will not start until Fall 2013 so there is ample time for adjustment. There was a concern voiced about the number of and range of elective units available for the option, which seemed to CAPR members to be very broad. A concern was raised about whether, with the balance of units required, students transferring from a community college might be hindered with respect to the requirements of SB 1440. CAPR viewed this as an attractive potential option for aligning with transfer degrees and recommended that the department examine the upper division unit component for the B.S. with this option and the ability of transfer students to graduate with an additional 90 units (including their GE portion).

In considering the three proposals, CAPR voted as follows concerning its recommendations to the Academic Senate to accept the requests from the Department of Kinesiology for the:

Discontinuance of the B.S. in Kinesiology Option in Pre-Athletic Training - Yes 8 No 0 Abs 0
Approval of a B.S. in Kinesiology Option in Social Justice – Yes 7 No 0 Abs 1
Approval of a B.S. in Kinesiology Option in Physical Activities – Yes 8 No 0 Abs 0

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