MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: May 4, 2017
Re: Approval of a request to change the name of the program, major, and Bachelors of Science degree in Exercise and Movement Science

At its meeting on May 4, 2017, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the action recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved a request from the Department of Exercise and Movement Science to change the name of the program, major, and B.S. degree from Exercise and Movement Science to “Exercise Science.” The request included a request to change the course prefix from EXMS to “EXSC.” The change would affect thirteen courses. No curricular changes are accompanying the name change request.

The Department provided several reasons for the request. First, changes in faculty has shifted the curricular foci. Current faculty expertise lies heavily in the areas of physical activity promotion and measurement. Second, there are only two courses offered by the Department that focus on movement science (Applied Kinesiology and Biomechanics of Human Movement), and no additional courses in this area are planned. Students have indicated that they expected more coursework in movement science, and thus the Department feels that the proposed new name better reflects the curriculum, and will help align student expectations of the program. Finally, “exercise science” inherently includes the movement aspect of the discipline. Exercise Science is the name used by peer institutions that offer similar programs.

The name change has been agreed upon by the program faculty and approved by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Curriculum Planning Committee.