

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: January 4, 2018
Re: Approval of a request by the Department of Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences to change the department name to the Department of Biomedical and Health Sciences

On January 4, 2018, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the action recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Department of Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) to change the name of the department to the Department of Biomedical and Health Sciences with the department code BHSC.** This request is supported by the department faculty, CNHS Curriculum Committee, and Dean of CNHS, Dr. Patricia Prelock. Memos of support for the proposed name change were also provided by Dr. Bill Falls, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Jeff Frolik, Chair of the Department of Electrical and Biomedical Engineering.

Department faculty feel that the current name does not fully represent the teaching and research in the department. In particular, the department now houses a new undergraduate major in Health Sciences, and over the past five years has significantly expanded research in the field of biomedical sciences. The faculty feel that the new name best embodies their academic offerings and research programs. No curricular or program offerings will be affected by the name change. Current major codes (MLS and MLSC) and subject codes (MLS and MLRS) will remain the same.

**The name originally proposed by the department was Health and Biomedical Sciences. The name was revised following a discussion at the Faculty Senate Executive Committee where the name Biomedical and Health Sciences was suggested to clarify that the term “sciences” applied to both biomedical and health.