WHEREAS, The Physical Education Department requests that its department name be changed to PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT; and

WHEREAS, The request for a department name change has been approved by the College of Science and Mathematics Council and the dean for the College of Science and Mathematics; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the name of the Physical Education Department be changed to the PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

Proposed By: The physical Education Department
Date: March 30, 1993
RATIONALE FOR CHANGING THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Over the years, Cal Poly's Physical Education program has evolved to reflect developments within the discipline. In its early history, the focus centered around teacher education as the sole professional application of its body of knowledge. The intended career of a major in Physical Education was to teach sports, exercise and dance in a K-12 environment. Current programs, however, reflect a scholarly discipline which encompasses a unique body of knowledge. Graduates are prepared in a broad continuum, including pedagogy, physiology, biomechanics, psychology, sociology, history, philosophy, rehabilitation and aesthetics.

The curricular trend in university programs currently is to offer various areas of specialization designed to prepare students for specific careers. Cal Poly offers courses of study in Teacher Education, Commercial/Corporate Fitness, Health, or in an individualized program based upon a student's specific interest. Since the term "Physical Education:" has long been used to designate movement programs in a public school setting, that term should be retained to identify those programs in public schools. However, that title does not accurately describe the multi-faceted curriculum offered at Cal Poly. For that reason, a name change is in order; a name that more precisely describes the discipline, and at the same time, conveys to the university community and to the general public, the diverse nature of the field.

The name which has gained recognition and acceptance in the field of Physical Education, and which best reflects the nature of the department at Cal Poly is Kinesiology. Kinesiology, operationally defined, is the branch of learning which relates to the art and science of human movement in work, play, health, creative activity, and the responses to physical exertion. The term emphasizes the field's central focus, human movement, and it includes all relevant domains of human movement knowledge.

The trend to change the title of Physical Education started in 1971 when Simon Fraser University changed its name to the Department of Kinesiology. In 1972, the University of California at Los Angeles adopted the same title. Many other universities across the country and within the State have also changed the title of their programs to Kinesiology. Since this is the direction in which the discipline has moved, the time has come for the Physical Education Department at Cal Poly to add Kinesiology to the department name. The addition of Kinesiology more accurately describes the diverse nature of the program. It also reflects the progressive image that Cal Poly holds among other institutions in the field of Physical Education.
State of California

JIEMORANDUM

Academic Senate

To: Jack Wilson, Chair
   Academic Senate

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         AS-400-93IPPC (Selection of a
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             International Programs)
         AS-401-93IPPC (Revision of University
             Leave with Pay Guidelines)
         AS-403-93IPE (Department Name Change for Physical
             Education Department)
         AS-405-93/GE&B (Double Counting of General Education
             and Breadth Courses)

The above subject resolutions recently passed by the Academic Senate are hereby approved.

With regard to the name change of the Physical Education Department, the Academic Deans’ Council has also endorsed the name change, and the Department will be known as the Physical Education and Kinesiology Department effective July 1, 1993.