

INFORMATION ITEM #3

Items Approved by the President Under Delegated Authority
Renaming of the College of Education
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Renaming of the College of Education to the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

The College of Education did not reflect all of its departments and the programs it offers. The College consists of three departments: Teaching & Learning (T&L), Kinesiology & Educational Psychology (KEP), and Educational Leadership and Sport Management (ELSM). These departments offer various programs such as Athletic Training (KEP), Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education (T&L), and Curriculum & Instruction (T&L), among others.

A survey conducted by the WSU Social & Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) in the spring of 2022 revealed that 50% of respondents were unaware that the College offered a program in Sport Management. Similar trends were observed for other programs such as Athletic Training, Cultural Studies, and Educational Leadership. This lack of awareness represents missed opportunities for recruitment, publicity, fundraising, and community engagement.

Students and faculty who pursue sports, including athletic training, Human Sciences, and Kinesiology, experience a lack of belonging in the College. This is particularly acute for students and faculty whose home base is the Smith Gym building.

As the College embarked on a rebranding to be more inclusive and ramp up efforts to become self-sustaining, it was imperative that the process began with a name change that authentically represents what we do, who we are, and what we want to be known for now and in the future. As such, the College of Education requested that it be renamed to the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences.

The Faculty Senate reviewed the following proposal per the terms of the [MOU regarding the "creation, moment, renaming, or elimination of academic programs, departments, and colleges."](#)

The proposal submitted to President Schulz for consideration is available upon request.