

BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION FORM
FOR PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REQUIRING BOV AND SCHEV APPROVAL

PROPOSAL TITLE:

Closure of the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) degree in Kinesiology.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

The BA/BS in Kinesiology degree program is recommended for closure. Department faculty voted to close the current program on September 22, 2023, contingent on the opening of the proposed BS in Health Sciences and BA/BS in Public Health degree programs. Action by the the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) is required for closure. Prior to SCHEV submission, Board action is required.

APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE:

Academic Affairs

BRIEF NARRATIVE:

The degree programs and curricula in Public Health and Health Sciences that are proposed at this Board meeting represent over a decade of evolution in the Department of Kinesiology. The Department of Kinesiology has seen the second greatest percent increase in graduating majors of any department in Arts & Sciences (2009-2022). In response to the most recent external review (2022) identifying the department's areas of strength in physiology, nutrition, and public health, the Department proposes to replace the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) in Kinesiology with degree programs in Public Health and Health Sciences. With the proposal of these new degree programs, we must close the BA/BS in Kinesiology degree program.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

No faculty or staff positions will be lost as a result of this change. Kinesiology faculty teach more declared majors per faculty member than any other unit in Arts & Sciences. As the new programs are replacements for the current BA/BS in Kinesiology, we anticipate that continued growth will result in a future need to hire more faculty.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the curricula of William & Mary's Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) in Kinesiology degree programs have evolved with the field over the last decade,

WHEREAS, William & Mary's Department of Kinesiology has seen the second greatest percent increase in graduating majors of any department in Arts & Sciences during that timeframe,

WHEREAS, an external program review in 2022 identified physiology, nutrition, and public health as the Department's areas of strengths,

WHEREAS, William & Mary's students have requested, and will benefit from, the option to major in a related degree that more closely aligns with their desired career path,

WHEREAS, the faculty of the Department of Kinesiology propose to replace the BA/BS in Kinesiology with a BS in Health Sciences and a BA/BS in Public Health,

WHEREAS, upon implementation of the new programs, existing Kinesiology majors will have the option to choose to move into the program of their choice or to remain in their current program,

WHEREAS, no faculty positions will be lost as a result of the discontinuance of the degree program,

WHEREAS, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences concurs with the Department's proposal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the President and the Provost and contingent on the approval and implementation of the identified replacement degree programs, the Board of Visitors approves the closure of the BA/BS in Kinesiology degree program.