

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: School of Kinesiology Physical Education program
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the discontinuance of the Physical Education major, minor
and Health Education minor
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2014

The Dean, Executive Committee, and Faculty of the School of Kinesiology are requesting the discontinuation of the Physical Education major and minor, and the Health Education minor effective March 1, 2014.

Nationwide, the number of students enrolled in undergraduate kinesiology majors continues to increase, but the number of students pursuing physical education degrees has greatly declined. In light of this downward trend, the School of Kinesiology has decided to shift its focus to the thriving Health and Fitness Leadership major. A peer review committee comprised of faculty members from the UM Schools of Kinesiology and Education, Wayne State University, and Eastern Michigan University met earlier this year. The committee unanimously determined that continuing to enroll students in Physical Education degree programs at the University of Michigan is no longer viable.

All current Physical Education students will have the ability to complete their respective classes and curriculum, with the last student expected to graduate in December, 2016. No tenured faculty will be released as a result of the discontinuation. Non-tenured faculty have the opportunity to teach in the new Health and Fitness Leadership major based on enrollment and university policies.

We request the Board of Regents approve the discontinuation of the Physical Education major and minor, and the Health Education minor effective March 1, 2014.

Recommended by:



Ronald F. Zernicke
Dean
School of Kinesiology

Recommended and endorsed by:



Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
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