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Institution Submitting Request: *University of Utah*
 Proposed Title: *Nutrition and Integrated Physiology Master of Science Degree*
 Currently Approved Title: *Nutrition Master of Science Degree*
 School or Division or Location: *University of Utah Health Sciences Center, College of Health*
 Department(s) or Area(s) Location: *Division of Nutrition*
 Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): *N/A*
 Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): *51.3102*
 Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): *Fall 2016*
 Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
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5.5.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

**Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template*

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

 Signature **Date:**
 Printed Name: Ruth Watkins, Senior Vice President

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
University of Utah
Nutrition and Integrative Physiology Master of Science Degree
10/08/2015

Section I: Request

This document requests a name change for the Master of Science degree offered in the Division of Nutrition from a Master of Science in Nutrition to a Master of Science in Nutrition and Integrative Physiology. It further requests a change from two non-transcripted tracks: 1) Coordinated Master's Program in Nutrition and 2) Nutrition Science, to two transcripted emphases: one in Nutrition and one in Integrated Physiology. The proposed name changes reflect the new Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology. This new Department has been previously described and approved in the realignment proposal for the College of Health.

No curricular components have been changed. This is an administrative name change and the faculty and staff of the Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology have actively contributed to and supported this request.

Section II: Need

There are both philosophical and pragmatic justifications for this name change. The name change will reflect the interdisciplinary focus of the new department and the important links between nutrition and integrative physiology in research, teaching, and provision of healthcare. The name change will allow students to emphasize nutrition or integrative physiology in their studies and have the emphasis displayed on their transcripts.

Section III: Institutional Impact

It is anticipated that the name change will facilitate the recruitment of new students to the University of Utah who are interested in nutrition and integrative physiology.

Section IV: Finances

Since this is a name change of existing programs, no impact on the Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology or other programs or units within the institution is anticipated.

Section V: Program Curriculum

Not applicable for this request.

Faculty Consultation

In September 2014, the Dean of the College of Health appointed a Realignment Task Force comprised of junior and senior tenure-line and career-line faculty, representing each of the seven Departments/Divisions in the College. The Task Force met every other week throughout the fall semester. During the process, Task Force members communicated with their own faculty to gather input. Initially, the work focused on research of peer institutions nationally to gain insight into varied organizational structures. Examples of

peer institutions reviewed included, but were not limited to: Arizona State University, Boston University, Ohio State University, Penn State, Purdue University, Texas A&M University, University of Delaware, and University of Florida. As a supplement to this research, information regarding the statistics for each current College of Health Department/Division in terms of SCH production, numbers of faculty, faculty to student ratios, and research expenditures were gathered and shared with the Task Force. Based on this research, five models were created and discussed. Subsequent discussions centered on characterizing the relative merits of the different models in comparison to our existing structure and in their ability to meet the objectives outlined above. The culmination of the committee's work was the College of Health Realignment Task Force Final Report. Creation of the Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology was a recommendation in the Task Force Report. Renaming the MS degree as described in this proposal was part of this discussion.

Full Departmental support for the proposal was achieved via e-mail consensus on October 6, 2015.

College Review

A College of Health Faculty and Staff meeting was held on December 17, 2014 to discuss the Realignment Task Force Final Report. In addition, the College of Health Council, comprised of faculty, staff, and students, met on January 23, 2015 to discuss the report. The Dean of the College also met with the Dean's Student Advisory Council, which included undergraduate and graduate students from each Department/Division, on January 23, 2015 to solicit student feedback and recommendations relative to the Report. Ongoing conversations regarding the realignment process with the Dean and the Dean's Advisory Council continued throughout the fall and spring semesters. Finally, the Dean hosted meetings in February 2015 that brought together faculty and staff in the proposed Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology. This meeting addressed the resources that would be crucial to the success of the program transfer. In addition, the Dean convened a meeting of all of the staff in the College to ensure an opportunity for input. All meetings were facilitated by Mary Anne Berzins, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources.

Faculty responses to the new Department of Nutrition and Integrated Physiology have been generally positive. There is excitement about increased opportunities for collaboration around research and teaching, inter-professional education, and educational and administrative efficiencies. The staff proposed a number of potential ideas for administrative realignment. Students were consulted and their feedback was incorporated into the final proposals. There have not been substantive concerns expressed relative to fair treatment of students, staff, or faculty.

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The creation of the Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology makes it possible to rename the Master's of Science program to reflect the important intersection of nutrition and integrative physiology. Well-trained individuals who can address energy metabolism and its influence on diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular diseases are needed in healthcare, academia, and industry. The Master of Science degree in Nutrition and Integrative Physiology will provide a viable route toward a doctoral program or a health profession such as medicine, dentistry or pharmacy. In addition, it will continue to train front-line healthcare providers: Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.



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PHYSICAL THERAPY

October 7, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

With this letter, I convey my full endorsement for the renaming of the Master's degree in Nutrition to a Master's degree in Nutrition and Integrative Physiology in the College of Health at the University of Utah. I also fully support creating two transcribed emphases in Nutrition and Integrative Physiology, which had previously been non-transcribed tracks. A primary purpose of the recent realignment of the College of Health from 7 departments and divisions to 5 departments was the creation of a department – the Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology (NUIP) – to prepare graduate students in these two fields of study. The naming of a Master's degree in Nutrition and Integrative Physiology is consistent with the College of Health and University of Utah's mission to improve the health of citizens of Utah and beyond.

The two emphasis areas, Nutrition and Integrative Physiology, are consistent with the name of the new Department. Reporting these on students' transcripts allows them to differentiate their educational preparation for professional purposes. It will also strengthen and support important collaborations between the College of Health and Health Sciences, including the Diabetes and Metabolism Center (DMC), Department of Internal Medicine, and Division of Endocrinology, among other areas.

I envision the realignment of the College of Health and an accompanying modification in the manner by which faculty lines are allocated to the departments of the College resulting in additional resources for the Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology. In fact, we are currently conducting a national search for a Chair of NUIP and are partnering with the DMC to recruit an established scholar to the College of Health with expertise in diabetes and either exercise or nutrition. The Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology will be the home for this new scholar.

I would be pleased to provide any additional information or justification in support of the renaming of the Master's degree in Nutrition and Integrative Physiology. Thank you for your consideration of this important academic program proposal.

Sincerely,

David H. Perrin, PhD
Dean and Professor