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## **ESTABLISHMENT OF A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE**

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new degree program, the Bachelor of Science with a major in Exercise and Sport Science, effective Fall 2020.

### **Background**

The Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Kinesiology and a concentration in exercise and sport science will be transitioned into a Bachelor of Science with a major in Exercise and Sport Science. The change to the degree type and major name is in keeping with increasing emphasis on professional degree orientation in similar programs and it reflects current trends at peer universities, such as Temple University for Exercise and Sport Science. There will be no curriculum changes and no students will be impacted other than they will be moved out of the old program and put into the new one where they will become full majors in Exercise and Sport Science instead of a concentration in exercise and sport science within the Kinesiology major.

### **Accreditation**

Wayne State University's Exercise and Sport Science undergraduate program received its initial accreditation by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on July 24, 2019. A site visit and peer review were conducted by the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES). The Board of Directors of CAAHEP and CoAES have recognized the Exercise and Sport Science program for meeting substantial compliance with the national accreditation standards. The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, CoAES, American College of Sports Medicine, American Council on Exercise, American Kinesiotherapy Association, National Academy of Sports Medicine, and the National Council on Strength & Fitness.

### **Approvals**

The proposal was approved by the Division of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Studies, the College of Education Assembly, Dean of the College of Education and the Provost.