

Resolution for Approval of a new Ph.D. program in Applied Physiology

WHEREAS, there is currently no doctoral program at the University of Delaware specifically for students wishing to specialize in applied physiology, and

WHEREAS, in spring 2009 an external review team evaluating the exercise science program recommended that the department initiate a Ph.D. program to serve students interested in physiology, and

WHEREAS, there are 13 faculty who wish to be affiliated with the program, and

WHEREAS, these faculty have supervised doctoral students at other institutions or are currently supervising doctoral students in biology or biomechanics and movement science, and

WHEREAS, all of the current Ph.D. students in the department are supported by NIH or foundation funded research assistantships, fellowships, or teaching assistantships, and

WHEREAS, the absence of a focused doctoral program specific to applied physiology makes it difficult to recruit excellent students, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences currently has in place the faculty, the laboratories, the courses, and the funding needed in order for the proposed Ph.D. in Applied Physiology to be successful, and

WHEREAS, the proposed program contributes to the University's "Path to Prominence": to become a premier research and graduate university; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends approval of the establishment of a new Ph.D. in Applied Physiology.