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To: [Lambeth, Suzanne Terese](#)
Cc: [Morton, Becky](#)
Subject: RE: 043 S New Prefix request
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:45:14 AM
Attachments: [rename IPN plan to BPT.docx](#)
[rename Veterinary Sciences to Biomedical Sciences.docx](#)

Suzanne:

Thank you for your feedback. We would like to proceed with the changes at this time for reasons outlined below:

Program/Plan name changes

Attached are the requests we sent to the Provost's Office regarding our name change plans this last Spring. There are two elements to the name changes. One is to change the program Veterinary Sciences to Biomedical Sciences, and the second is to change one of the plans under Veterinary Sciences program from Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience (IPN) to Biomedical Physiology and Technology (BPT). The program level name change has been reviewed by the Provost's Office and forwarded to the Faculty Senate for action as soon as the fall semester starts. The name change for the plan will follow this change since the Provost's Office recommended the Program level change be approved first. We hope to have both these completed through Faculty Senate by the end of the fall semester. Because this involves only name changes and no programmatic changes, I have not been told NWCCU needs to weigh-in, but perhaps they do.

In anticipation of these changes we would like to move forward on the new prefix (BPT), which will be used for courses associated with the BPT plan. We have had prior prefixes (such as VET_PH and VET_AN) that were used with the plan. Prior to being called Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience it was named after portions of our department name, i.e., Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology and Veterinary Anatomy – which by the way, I do not recollect needed to go through either Faculty Senate or NWCCU to change to IPN, but that is beside the point). While we have totally abandoned the VET_AN prefix, the VET_PH prefix is still active and we want to keep it active as we use it for other purposes. However, with the name change to BPT, we would like to better track the students engaging in the BPT plan (an aside: while the plan will not change, we do anticipate increased engagement as we accept faculty in Spokane into the plan). The need to better track students in the BPT plan is the fundamental reason for the request.

When the prefix is approved, we plan to use it for several current courses that are already approved and have multiple cross-listed prefixes (this would be for BPT 563 and BPT 564, which are cross-listed with a variety of biomedical graduate prefixes since the courses are used for various programs including MBIOS, NEUROSCI, VET_PATH, VET_MICR, and GLANHLTH). The same is true for using BPT for research credits (BPT 600, BPT 700 and BPT 800). Our understanding is that since these courses already exist and are approved, these requests would only require a minor curricular change. On the other hand, we do plan to create a new course with the BPT prefix that will be similar to, but not identical, to other courses in the graduate curriculum (Special Topics courses). We do understand that this course will require a major curricular change. Because we would like to have this course approved by Fall 2019, we plan to submit the major curricular change forms by Oct 1, 2018. This is

why we are requesting the prefix ahead of the final approval for the name changes.

Question about renaming academic unit. We are not planning to rename an academic unit. What we are doing is changing the Program/Plan name so it is not exclusively identified with a particular academic unit (IPN). It would thus become a more attractive Program/Plan for use by non-IPN faculty engaged in Biomedical Physiology (both basic and applied, hence the reason for including the term Technology). These non-IPN faculty of course would be members of the Graduate Faculty in BPT.

I hope the above answers your questions. But if you have more, please write. I will be gone until Aug 17. If you need answers before then please write to Becky Morton (email in CC line).

Thanks for your assistance.

Steve

From: Lambeth, Suzanne Terese
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:33 AM
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Steve,

I can put forth the request for a new prefix, but I'd like a little clarification. Your rationale for the new prefix indicates it's related to the name change for the degree. As renaming a degree requires Faculty Senate and NWCCU approval, that process can take up to a year to be approved. It will not be effective Fall 2018. Do you want to move the prefix request forward before the renaming of the degree is approved?

Once we move the new prefix forward, changing an existing course to the new prefix requires a major curricular change submission. You will need to submit a major curricular change form and syllabus for each of the courses you wish to change. If you submitted those now, it's possible, but unlikely that the change could be approved for Spring 2019 (submission deadline for Spring 2019 was Feb 1). Fall 2019 is a much more realistic timeline. Deadline for Fall 2019 submission is October 1.

Please let me know if you want to move the new prefix request forward at this time. Once I get your ok on this, I can have the prefix added to the major curricular change form so that you can submit your requests to change prefixes on existing courses, or create new courses.

Additionally you indicate you are also renaming the academic unit. Have you started that process with the Provost office yet?

Thank you.

Suzanne

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Suzanne Lambeth:

This is to request a new prefix "BPT" for Biomedical Physiology and Technology. We are in the process of renaming the Veterinary Science-Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience degree to Biomedical Sciences – Biomedical Physiology and Technology to better reflect the nature of the training and to further differentiate this plan from the independently approved Neuroscience graduate program (the term Neuroscience in both names is confusing). We plan to extend this plan to the Elson Floyd Medical School as a cooperative plan between CVM and EFCOM so faculty at EFCOM can have immediate access to a graduate program that would reflect their needs. We have all the classes in place but would like to have the BPT for a couple students who will be entering the BPT program this fall. Attached is a document that better defines the objectives of BPT plan and a second document that is currently under consideration by the Provost's Office and Faculty Senate to get the name changes in effect. If you have questions please contact Becky Morton (bmorton@wsu.edu), as I will be out of the office for much of August. Also please forward the prefix approval to her so that she can process the minor change forms for the courses that will have this new prefix added while I'm out. Thank you.

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