

# Approval Form

1902-150

Proposal Title: Title Change: Conceptual Physics → Physics of Everyday Life

Sponsor(s) K. Magee-Sauer Dept.: Dept of Physical Sciences Ext. -6338

**Check one:**  Course  Specialization  Concentration  Minor  Achievement Certificate  
 Certification Program  Major Program  Minor Change Title Change  
(please name, deletion or credit/title/catalog change.)

Undergraduate  Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours

<p><b>Step 1 (Department)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>2/2/93</u>  <small>Date</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>Dept. CC Chairperson _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed _____  <small>Date</small></p> <p><u>Robert M. ...</u>  <small>Dept. Chairperson</small></p>	<p><b>Step 2 (Receipt)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>92-10-44</u></p> <p>Proposal Received _____  <small>Date</small></p> <p><u>Mary L. ...</u>  <small>SCC Chairperson</small></p>	<p><b>Step 3 (School CC)</b></p> <p>Reviewed <u>2-22-93</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved  <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><b>Comments:</b>          Proposers may wish to consider using "for" <del>and</del> rather than "of"</p> <p><u>Stallwell</u>  <small>School Curr Comm Chairperson</small></p>
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<p><b>Step 4 (Academic Dean)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend  <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommend  <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Recommend (see comments)</p> <p>Reviewed <u>2/25/93</u>  <small>Date</small></p>	<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p><u>[Signature]</u>  <small>Signature Dean of School</small></p>
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**Step 5 (SCC)**

Open Hearing 4/3/93  Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 5/7/93  
Date Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

**Step 6 (Senate)**

Presented to Senate 5/17/93  Approved  Not Approved  
Date

Notification to Executive Vice-President/Provost 5/17/93 [Signature]  
Date Signature SCC Chairperson

**Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)**

Received \_\_\_\_\_

If no, reasons are as follows:

Approved  Yes  No

Student credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty load hours \_\_\_\_\_

Equalized credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Official copy and approval sheet filed JUL 10 1993  
Date

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Signature, Executive Vice President/Provost

**Registrar**

Approved course description received 18 Aug 93  
Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned Name Aug.

BZ Kelvey  
Signature, Registrar

18 Aug 93  
Date

**Notification forwarded:**

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)

## **Minor Curricular Change: Title Change**

**Change Requested:** From Conceptual Physics to Physics of Everyday Life

**Sponsor:** K. Magee-Sauer, Department of Physical Sciences

### **Rationale:**

The course Conceptual Physics is a laboratory science course intended for the non-science major. Similar courses are offered at many colleges and universities around the country under several different names ( Physics for Poets, Physics as a Liberal Art, Introduction to Physics, Conceptual Physics, etc.). Conceptual Physics is the title of the book that is adopted for this course. It is an excellent text. Since the spirit of the course originated from the spirit of the book, I decided to title the course "Conceptual Physics". However, when publicizing my new course to several professors in non-scientific areas, they were taken back by the word "conceptual". The word "conceptual" has different connotations to a scientist than to a non-scientist. One professor remarked that "Conceptual Physics" sounded like the hardest physics course that our department would offer.

Since the course is intended for the non-scientist, I want the course to be as un-intimidating as possible. I believe that changing the name will help do this. Since the course deals with explaining everyday phenomena with the rules of physics, I believe that "Physics of Everyday Life" is appropriate. This also parallels the general education course in Philosophy called "Logic of Everyday Reasoning".

### **Consultations:**

Dr. Robert Newland, Chairman, Department of Chemistry & Physics

Dr. Pearl Bartelt, Dean School of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Dr. David Kapel, Dean of PERS

Dr. Robert Fleming, Dean of Business Administration

Dr. Donald Gephardt, Dean of Fine and Performing Arts

Dr. Minna Doskow, Professor, English Department



# Rowan College of New Jersey

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January 28, 1993

Karen Magee-Sauer  
Department of Physical Sciences  
Rowan College of New Jersey

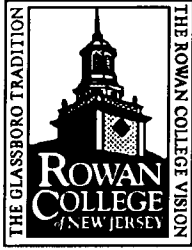
Dear Karen,

I was really pleased to hear that you plan to change the name of your new introductory physics course from "Conceptual Physics" to "The Physics of Everyday Life." It sounds like a really exciting new course, but the original title was daunting. Reacting as a humanities person whose knowledge of physics is limited to one college course, a position not altogether unlike that of most Rowan students, I thought the original title would discourage students because it sounded highly abstract and advanced to the uninitiated. The new title is equally descriptive for the lay person and less threatening to non-science majors.

The course itself is a fortunate new opportunity for students and with its more encouraging name should be successful.

Sincerely yours,

Minna Doskow



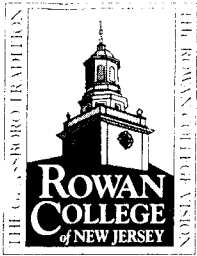
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Department of Chemistry and Physics

To: Curriculum Committee  
From: Robert Newland  
Subject: Title change for Conceptual Physics  
Date: February 2, 1993

I fully support the course name change of Conceptual Physics to Physics of Everyday Life. The present name apparently does not properly convey the level of the course to students. The new name makes it clear that the course is intended for non-majors and should entice students to register so as to meet their general education science requirement.



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TO: Karen Magee-Sauer

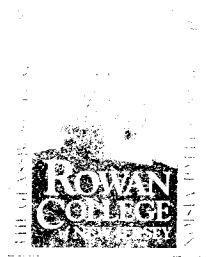
FROM: Pearl W. Bartelt, Acting Dean  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

DATE: February 1, 1993

SUBJECT: Name Change for Conceptual Physics

I am happy to support the name change of Conceptual Physics to Physics of Everyday Life. I think this change will enable students to have a better idea about what the course entails.

c: M. Putman, College Senate Curriculum Committee  
R. Newland



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Feb 1, 1993

Dr. David Kapel >  
Dean of PERS <  
Robinson Hall

Dear Dr. Kapel,

Enclosed is a proposal for a minor change. I want to change the name of Conceptual Physics to Physics of Everyday Life. Several faculty members in SLAS have commented to me that they didn't really understand what the course Conceptual Physics included. I'm hoping that the title change will help students take the big step and take a Physics (science) laboratory course.

I would appreciate it if you could send your consultation directly to the Senate Office since the deadline for proposals to the Curriculum Committee is Friday, February 5, 1993. If you do send your consultation directly to the Senate Office, I would like a copy as well, if it is not too much trouble.

I am so sorry that I am taking up so much of your time with my curriculum proposals. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Karen Magee-Saucer, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor  
Physical Sciences

*SEPER  
suggests the name change  
D.E. Kapel  
2/4/93*