# Approval Form

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

**Sponsor(s):** K. Magee-Sauer  Dept.: Dept. of Physical Sciences  Ext. - 6328

**Check one:**
- [ ] Course
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Please name, deletion or addition catalog change

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**Step 1 (Department):**
- [ ] Approved
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**Step 2 (Receipt):**
- [ ] SCC

Proposal Received [Date]

**Step 3 (School CC):**
- [ ] Reviewed
- [ ] Approved
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Comments:
Proposers may wish to consider using "for" rather than "of"

**Step 4 (Academic Dean):**
- [ ] Recommend
- [ ] Not Recommend
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Reviewed [Date]

**Step 5 (SCC):**
- [ ] Open Hearing [Date]
- [ ] Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee [Date]

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**Step 6 (Senate):**
- [ ] Presented to Senate [Date]
- [ ] Approved
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Notification to Executive Vice President/Provost [Date]
Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)

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If no, reasons are as follows:

Student credit hours ________

Faculty load hours ________

Equalized credit hours ________

Official copy and approval sheet filed _______. Date

Registrar

Approved course description received _______. Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned _______. 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
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,

[Signature]

Minna Doskow
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.
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
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-Sauer, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Physical Sciences