



The University of Georgia

Office of the President

February 27, 2009

Erroll B. Davis, Jr., Chancellor
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
270 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chancellor Davis:

Attached for consideration by the Board of Regents is a proposal from the College of Education to terminate the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies under the M.Ed., M.A., Ed.D., and Ph.D. degrees.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Adams
President

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Enclosure

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Proposal to Terminate the Major in Physical Education and Sport Studies Under the M.Ed., M.A., Ph.D. and Ed.D. Degrees

Basic Information:

College: Education

Department: Kinesiology

Name of Proposed Program: Major in Physical Education and Sport Studies under the M.Ed.,
M.A., Ph.D. and Ed.D. Degrees

Starting Date: Spring, 2009

Proposal Description:

Termination is requested for the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies (PESS) under the M.Ed., M.A., Ph.D. and Ed.D. degrees. Terminating the major in PESS is the second step in the process of merging the major in Exercise Science with the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies. To accomplish the merger, we changed the name of the major in Exercise Science to Kinesiology (approved June, 2008) and are moving programs currently under the Physical Education and Sport Studies major to the new Kinesiology major (Ph.D. to Ph.D., M.A. to M.S., and M.Ed. to M.S.-non-thesis). We now seek to terminate the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies under the Ph.D., Ed.D., M.A. and M.Ed. degrees.

Faculty Vote:

The graduate faculty of the Department of Kinesiology voted 16-0 in favor of terminating the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies under the M.Ed., M.A., Ph.D. and Ed.D. degrees..

Justification:

As a result of a reorganization of the College of Education in 2004, the former Departments of Exercise Science and Physical Education and Sport Studies were merged into the Department of Kinesiology. The merger consolidated closely-related programs focused on the study of physical activity and sport in a single department. Throughout the United States, similar programs are frequently found in a single department named Kinesiology. These Departments typically have a single graduate major named Kinesiology under the Ph.D. and M.S. degrees. Prior to beginning the merger, we had two graduate majors, Exercise Science (under the Ph.D., M.S. and M.S.-nonthesis degrees) and Physical Education and Sport Studies (under the Ph.D., Ed.D., M.A. and M.Ed.). Given our current administrative structure, two majors are no longer needed and we seek to consolidate our seven graduate programs into three under a single major named Kinesiology. The consolidation will: 1) align the name of the graduate major with the Department name, as it is in most departments, helping to focus the identity of the Department around the name Kinesiology and improve cohesion among programs, 2) make us similar to most of our Kinesiology department peers that have a single major, 3) reduce confusion among students over major/department names, 4) simplify the description of our programs, 5) eliminate

redundant and low-enrollment programs, and 6) consolidate reporting (e.g., assessment reports, major and credit-hour counts, etc.).

Impact on Current Students:

There will be no adverse impact of terminating the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies on current students in the Department. Current students will be given the option of graduating with the major in Physical Education and Sport Studies or changing their degree objective to the comparable program under the major in Kinesiology.

Financial Impact:

None.

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