



January 7, 2013

Dr. Robert McKinney  
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Dear Dr. McKinney:

Thank you for your letter of August 6, 2012, and the prospectus for the Master of Science in Kinesiology degree program to be implemented on January 14, 2013. The program focuses on professional preparation of candidates to develop, administer, and implement broad-based programs in one of two concentrations: (1) Exercise and Sport Science or (2) Health Promotion, Recreation, and Sport Management. The curriculum includes courses and guided electives offered for each concentration and will offer both online and traditional face-to-face instructional formats. The institution is approved to deliver 50% or more of a program's credits via distance learning technology.

This degree will build on existing programs in the Department of Kinesiology (i.e., Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology with Concentrations in Health and Physical Education, Exercise Science, Health Promotion and Wellness, and Sports Management or the Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training) and will provide a highly marketable degree that is much needed, and greatly desired, by health and fitness professionals.

The prospectus places the implementation of the program within the university's mission and strategic plan, as well as describing the assessment of need and program planning/approval. Documentation that faculty were involved in the review and approval of the program is offered, as well as evidence that the change is included in the College's ongoing evaluation and assessment processes. The curriculum for the 36 credit hour program is outlined, as well as student learning outcomes and objectives. Appropriate library print and electronic resources, and instruction in the use of those resources, are described.

The Department of Kinesiology has sufficient equipment and supportive technology to initiate a Master of Science degree program. Housed in an attractive \$8.6 million structure occupying 125,000 square feet on a 17-acre tract of land, the facility, dedicated in January of 1987, includes a large multi-purpose gymnasium that contains four basketball courts and a four-lane 1/8 mile track on the second level. Situated around this nucleus are a variety of other instructional, recreational, and laboratory facilities (i.e., six classrooms, one large teaching auditorium, a gymnastics room, a weight-lifting room, exercise room with stationary bicycles, racquetball courts, a central equipment storage-issue room, and a multi-purpose room for martial arts and archery). A new \$2,500,000 weight room has recently been completed and is fully operational. It totals 17,000 square feet and includes over 35,000 pounds of weight plates and dumbbells as well as a variety of CYBEX pin select resistance training equipment. The facility also includes a cardiovascular loft with Woodway, Life Fitness, Precor, and Cybex machines, televisions with a balcony view of the main resistance training area as well as the Student Aquatic Center. The academic and administrative areas include a tiered lecture room with an audio-visual projection cubicle in the rear.



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The prospectus documents satisfactory financial resources and evaluation and assessment.

**We approve the Master of Science in Kinesiology degree program and request no additional information from you.**

Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of prospectus review.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President  
Ms. Carolyn Bruder, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs ✓  
Dr. Nuria M. Cuevas