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# The University of Georgia

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School of Health and Human Performance  
*Department of Exercise Science*

To: Louis A. Castenell Jr., Dean, College of Education

From Kirk J. Cureton, Department Head, Department of Exercise Science *KJC*

Re: Dissolution of the Department of Exercise Science

Date: March 31, 2004

Please consider this as a request from the Department of Exercise Science to dissolve. On March 31, 2004, the vote on the motion to dissolve the department was

Yes 11

No 0

Abstain 0

The vote to dissolve the department is based on the assumption that all courses, programs and majors in the Department of Exercise Science will be transferred to the proposed new Department of Kinesiology as indicated in the attached Name Change Justification Form. No curricular changes accompany this request to dissolve the department.



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School of Health and Human Performance  
*Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies*

Date: April 20, 2004

To: Louis A. Castenell Jr., Dean, College of Education

From: Paul G. Schempp Department Head, Physical Education and Sport Studies 

Re: Dissolution of the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies

Please consider this as a request from the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies to voluntarily dissolve. On April 19, 2004 the vote on the motion to dissolve the department was

Yes:	Six (6)
No:	None (0)
Abstain:	None (0)
Did Not Vote:	Three (3)

The vote to dissolve the department is based on the assumption that all courses, programs and majors in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies will be transferred to the proposed new Department of Kinesiology as indicated in the attached Name Change Justification Form. No curricular changes accompany this request to dissolve the department.

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## NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College: College of Education

Name: N/A

Proposed Name: N/A

**Department Name Changes:**

Current Department Name:  
Department of Exercise Science

Proposed Department Name:  
Department of Kinesiology

Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies

Department of Kinesiology

**Major Name Changes:**

Current Major Name:  
Exercise Science

Degree:  
M.Ed.  
M.S.  
Ed.D.  
Ph.D.

Proposed Major  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

Degree:  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

Exercise and Sport Science

B.S.Ed.

N/A

N/A

Physical Education and Sport Studies

M.Ed.  
MA  
Ed.S.  
Ed.D.  
Ph.D.

N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

Health and Physical Education

B.S.Ed.

N/A

N/A

Sport Studies

B.S.Ed.

N/A

N/A

**Minor Name Change:**

Current Minor Name:  
N/A

Degree:  
N/A

Proposal Minor Name:  
N/A

Degree  
N/A

**Prefix Changes:**

A prefix change package should be submitted after name change has been approved.

Current Prefix:  
EXRS  
PEDS, PEDB

Department:  
Exercise Science  
Physical Education and Sport Studies

Proposed Prefix:  
NA  
NA

Department:  
NA  
NA

**JUSTIFICATION:** See Attached



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School of Health and Human Performance  
*Department of Exercise Science*

February 24, 2004

Dr. Louis Castenell, Jr., Dean  
College of Education  
Aderhold Hall  
University of Georgia  
Campus

Dear Dean Castenell:

Attached is a proposal for a new Department of Kinesiology. This new Department will be comprised of faculty and staff in the current Department of Exercise Science and the Physical Education Program in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies. The faculty in these units unanimously support the new department as proposed. The faculty have met to discuss a number of issues related to reorganization and voted to name the new department Kinesiology. This is a common name used around the country for departments like the one proposed. All of the faculty and staff have seen and approved this cover letter and the proposal. We look forward to moving forward with the merger.

Sincerely,

Kirk Cureton, Head, Department of Exercise Science

Paul Schempp, Head, Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies

## Proposal for a New Department College of Education

Department Name: Department of Kinesiology

**Current Departments and Programs Affected:** It is proposed that the current Department of Exercise Science and the Physical Education Program in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies merge.

**Academic Rationale for the Merger:** The Department of Exercise Science and the Physical Education Program of the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies are proposing to merge for four major reasons. First, a department combining Exercise Science and Physical Education is a common organizational unit around the country. The combination also is reflected in some professional organizations that include members from both fields, such as the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education, and journals that publish articles from both fields, such as the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*. Second, there are many commonalities among the faculty and programs of the two units. The units share a common history. The two programs were combined in the former Department of Physical Education prior to 1991. A recombination of these programs at this time seems to make the most sense for both departments. The programs have related missions and share interests in the health benefits of physical activity and fitness, and in physical performance. Most of the Exercise Science faculty have backgrounds in physical education; some have taught in the public schools; and others have worked in College and University Physical Education Departments. There is also curricular overlap in some of the programs in the two departments. Faculty in Exercise Science teach several of the core content classes in the Health and Physical Education undergraduate major curriculum (biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor behavior) and there is the possibility that this could occur in other areas of the curriculum (measurement and evaluation, courses related to exercise and health/physical fitness). There would be the opportunity for curricular change to make the programs more similar and integrated. Graduate assistants in both departments teach in the Basic Physical Education Program, and faculty in both departments have expertise and interest in this required University instruction program. Third, this merger will directly connect Exercise Science with the primary mission of the College, teacher education. And finally, there is the potential for collaborative research. For instance, an active area of public health research and federal funding concerns relationships among physical activity, fitness and the health of our youth. Several faculty in Exercise Science have done research on this topic, which is also a key interest to several Physical Education faculty. If new faculty were hired with this as a research focus, this would help bridge the research/scholarship divide and promote collaboration. As a second example, Physical Education faculty are engaged in research in motor development, exercise effects, performance training, and the development of elite athletes. This work is taking place in hospitals, pediatric units, international sport organizations, and public schools. These topics and field sites also are of interest to Exercise Science and Physical Education.

**Names of All Programs in Proposed Department:** The following degree programs will be in the Department of Kinesiology.

B.S.Ed. in Exercise and Sport Science  
B.S.Ed. in Health and Physical Education  
M.S. in Exercise Science  
M.A. in Physical Education and Sport Studies  
M.Ed. in Exercise Science  
M.Ed. in Physical Education and Sport Studies  
Ed.S. in Physical Education and Sport Studies  
Ph.D. in Exercise Science  
Ph.D. in Physical Education and Sport Studies  
Ed.D. in Physical Education and Sport Studies

**Number of Undergraduate and Graduate Students Enrolled in Department Fall Semester, 2003**

Total undergraduate students enrolled Fall, 2003: 197  
Total graduate students enrolled, Fall, 2003: 87

**Names of All Faculty in Proposed Department:**

Ted Baumgartner, Professor  
Elaine Cress, Associate Professor  
Kirk Cureton, Professor  
Rod Dishman, Professor  
Gary Dudley, Distinguished Research Professor  
Harry DuVal, Associate Professor  
Michael Ferrara, Professor  
Kevin McCully, Associate Professor  
Patrick O'Connor, Professor  
Kathy Simpson, Associate Professor  
Phillip Tomporowski, Associate Professor  
Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Associate Professor  
Michael Horvat, Professor  
Bryan McCullick, Associate Professor  
Paul Schempp, Professor  
Terry Jackson, Lecturer  
Ilse Mason, Lecturer

**Names of All Staff in Proposed Department:**

Kim Norton, Computer Services Specialist III  
Marlee Stewart, Computer Graphics Operator  
Donna Smith, Administrative Secretary  
Dell Whitehead, Academic Advisor  
Etta Roberts, Budget Analyst I (temporary assignment)