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To: Dr. Erin Hall, Department Chair  
Dr. Sue Eastham, Associate Professor

From: Kimberly Greer, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Kinesiology Academic Program Review

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for the Kinesiology program. It was a pleasure to read your well-written and comprehensive self-study and to talk with you about the past and future of your B.A. program. I also appreciate your review of, and revisions to, the program's seven-year implementation plan.

I commend you and your department colleagues for your strong commitment to student learning and success. That commitment is clearly demonstrated by the curriculum changes you have made in the past few years to be responsive to student interests and community needs. It is further evidenced by strong student involvement in a variety of high impact practices, strategic and creative methods to address advising challenges, maintenance of graduation rates despite rapid enrollment growth and demanding coursework, and ongoing efforts to maintain a productive working relationship with Athletics. I was also impressed by the faculty's engagement with program-level direct assessment to continuously improve your programs.

During our APR meeting, I was interested to learn more about your vision to further your emphasis on health, reflected in proposed curricular changes and by a hoped-for name change. I am pleased that we have been able to add tenure track lines in the past few years, and I appreciate you sharing your request to create program coordinator positions with appropriate assigned time as your degree options becoming increasingly distinct; as we discussed, this is an issue that is being considered more broadly at the University level. My notes also indicate your continued challenges regarding advising, which hopefully will be partially alleviated by the addition of an SSP position in the College. Finally, it was helpful for me to learn more about your need for access to usable outdoor practice field spaces and sustainable funding for the maintenance and replacement of equipment. Those are issues your dean and I will work with you to address.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your program is approved for continuance with unqualified support. I encourage you to continue to assess program and learning outcomes in ways that will help make meaningful improvements for students, and am particularly supportive of the plan to reduce your number of PLOs from 15 to four, which will help focus your assessment efforts.

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Again, I extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your self-study and implementation plan. I look forward to working with you in the future and supporting your vision for Kinesiology at Stan State.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Greer, Ph.D.

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