March 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert S. Gold
    Dean, School of Public Health

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
      Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Suspend the Bachelor of Science Program in Physical Education
         (PCC log no. 10011)

On December 20, 2010, Chancellor Kirwan approved your proposal to suspend the Bachelor of Science Program in Physical Education. On February 17, 2011, the Maryland Higher Education Commission administratively approved this proposal. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The suspension is effective Fall 2011 for a period of two years, at which time a decision must be made concerning the permanent disposition of the program. The School should ensure that the suspension is appropriately reflected in all university documentation.

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Enclosure

cc:  David Salness, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
     Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
     Barbara Gill, Office of Undergraduate Admissions
     Reka Montfort, University Senate
     Erin Howard, Office of Information Technology
     Donna Williams, Institutional Research & Planning
     Anne Turkos, Archives
     Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
     James Dietz, Undergraduate Studies
     Coke Farmer, School of Public Health
     Brad Hatfield, Kinesiology
Dear Dr. Loh:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from the University of Maryland, College Park to suspend one of its current Bachelor's degree programs as part of a restructuring and updating of its College of Education program offerings. The program is as follows:

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I am pleased to inform you that this request has been administratively approved. This decision was based on an analysis of the programs in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals and the Code of Maryland Regulations. During the two-year suspension period, enrolled students may complete the degree program but no new students will be admitted to this program. This suspension will also apply to concentrations within the Bachelor's degree, all of which bear the same HEGIS and CIP codes.

Thank you for keeping the Commission apprised of the programmatic changes being made at University of Maryland, College Park. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth A. Sachs
Interim Secretary of Higher Education

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cc:  Dr. Nariman Farvardin, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
     Ms. Theresa W. Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM
December 20, 2010

Dr. Wallace D. Loh
President
1101 Main Administration Building
College Park, Maryland 20742

Dear Wallace:

Thank you for forwarding the request from the School of Public Health to temporarily suspend admission for the Bachelor's degree program in Physical Education.

I know this was a difficult decision. Please accept my approval and express my appreciation to departmental faculty for their careful work in making this decision.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc: Irwin Goldstein, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Nariman Farvardin, Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Robert S. Gold, Dean of the School of Public Health
College/School: School of Public Health
College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: 01203300
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program: Department of Kinesiology/ B.S. in Physical Education
Department/Program Unit code-Last 7 digits: 1330501

Type of Action (choose one):

- [ ] Curriculum change (including informal specializations)
- [ ] Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration
- [ ] Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration
- [ ] Suspend/delete program
- [ ] New academic degree/award program
- [ ] New Professional Studies award iteration
- [ ] New Minor
- [ ] Other

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:

The Department of Kinesiology is requesting the suspension of the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (major code: 08350). Please refer to letter attached for rationale on this request.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair: Dr. Ana Palla-Kane

2. Department Chair: Dr. Brad Hatfield

3. College/School PCC Chair: Dr. Amy Sapkota

4. Dean: Dr. Robert Gold

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair, Senate PCC

7. University Senate Chair (if required)

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
Dear Dr. Betsy Beise,

The Department of Kinesiology is requesting the suspension of the 4-year Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. We are committed to continuing to offer a quality professional preparation program in Physical Education preparing students for certification to teach Physical Education to students in grades Kindergarten to 12th grade. In place of the BS in Physical Education we will offer a Master Certification program (MCERT) in Physical Education.

Dr. Robert Gold and the faculty in the department of Kinesiology support the request for suspension of the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (major code: 08350) due to the following reasons:

I. Program low enrollment and budget reallocation.

The B.S. in Physical Education currently has 34 students enrolled in the program. Enrollment has dramatically decreased in the past two years and, as of this Fall 2010, we have only admitted only one new freshman into the program. This general low enrollment in the major has resulted in low enrollment in all the major required courses.

   a. Budget Implications for the School of Public Health and Department

   Low enrollment has had implications for the budget at the department and school levels. The department budget has been compromised by offering required courses as part of the undergraduate program curriculum with very low enrollment (5-10 students). The current and predicted comparative cost of the program has determined that it is not feasible to continue offering the undergraduate program.

   The plan to suspend the B.S. in Physical Education and to implement the MCERT program is part of the SPH financial reallocations proposed by Dr. Gold to the Provost.

   b. Current students and faculty

   The Department of Kinesiology has the structure to guarantee that current students in the undergraduate program (n=34) will be guaranteed the opportunity for completion of the undergraduate degree at UMD (i.e., required coursework, internship, professional requirements).

   Appointments of faculty currently teaching in the BS in Physical Education will not be affected. They will have the choice to relocate into teaching in the Kinesiology major or in the new MCERT program.

II. Implementation of Master Certification Program in Physical Education

After the suspension, the B.S. program will be replaced by the MCERT program. The goals of the professional preparation program in physical education are directly aligned with the mission of the School of Public Health, College of Education and the Department of Kinesiology. In Summer 2011 we will begin offering a Master Certification Program in Physical Education (MCERT). This is a year-long master’s certification program offered in partnership with the College of Education (http://www.education.umd.edu/EDC1MCERT/).

Freshman and transfer students interested in becoming a physical education teacher may complete the B.S. in Kinesiology and then have the opportunity to apply for the one-year MCERT program in Physical Education. Students presently in the B.S. in Physical Education will be notified of the new masters program and they will have the option to graduate with the B.S. in Physical Education or pursue the MCERT program.

We are certain this is the right initiative to continue to deliver a quality physical education teaching certification program to contribute to the mission of our school and attend to the needs of our community and students. We request that the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education be suspended beginning on January 1st 2011.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Brad Hatfield
Bradley D. Hatfield, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Dear Betsy,

The College of Education supports the proposed suspension of the Bachelor's degree option in Physical Education Teacher Education. The planned transition to graduate options is the wise and appropriate action to take.

Stephen Koziol
Associate Dean
College of Education