



November 16, 2017

Dr. Jeffrey L. Kirk  
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Dear Dr. Kirk:

Thank you for the letter and prospectus of May 19, 2017, notifying SACSCOC of your intention to offer the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Human Performance degree program, effective August 15, 2018. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approved the new program on October 23, 2017.

Texas A&M University – Central Texas (Texas A&M – Central Texas) is committed to providing undergraduate degrees that assist individuals in the Central Texas region and the state by developing programs that provide knowledge and skills that serve as foundations for careers. The new degree program will prepare graduates for a multitude of positions that will positively impact the health and wellness of the community as well as the region and prepare graduates for graduate studies. In particular, the program will not only further expand offerings in the sciences, it will provide an efficient degree pathway for human biology, kinesiology, and physical education students at local community colleges. The program will prepare students for positions in exercise, sport, and wellness related fields as well as graduate study in medical, physical therapy, and related fields.

The new undergraduate program requires completion of 120 credit hours. The general education requirement is 46 credit hours. The major core is 35 credit hours with 18 credit hours of upper level electives and 21 credit hours of unrestricted electives. The program will be offered in the traditional and/or blended format. The program will be ongoing with anticipated enrollment at 160 students over the first five years. Based on a programmatic goal with three student learning outcomes, evaluation will include the standard institutional SLOs assessment and program review. Course descriptions were provided, in addition to admission and graduation requirements. A curriculum map was provided for the student learning outcomes for courses in the curriculum. Administrative oversight will be provided by the Dean of the College of Education, Department Chair, and lead instructor in the program.

The Faculty Roster describes the qualifications of one full-time faculty member who provided oversight in the development of the curriculum for the program. The professor holds the M.S. in Education in Exercise and Sport Science, and appears to be qualified to teach courses assigned in the program. One additional full-time faculty member will be employed in budget year 2017 to assist in the implementation of the degree program.

Library and learning resources appear to be adequate for the program. Standard library resources include adequate library staff, print and electronic materials, and instructional services. In addition to standard library resources, a list of sixteen discipline-specific electronic databases in related exercise and health-related resources was provided.

Student support services also appear to be adequate. Along with standard academic support services, for example, financial aid, advisement, student records, admissions, and so on, other support provided to students includes disability services, counseling, career services, tutoring, student engagement, veteran's affairs, and technology support.



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Physical resources and financial support appear to be adequate for the new program. Two multi-purpose buildings provide 25 classrooms and six laboratories with appropriate teaching and learning resources. A third building will be completed in July 2018 which will provide a Human Performance Laboratory (HPL). The HPL will support the practice-based instruction and activity courses necessary for the new program. The Exercise Physiology Lab will contain a DXA (low-grade MRI for body composition measurements), VO2 Max Cart, and other equipment. A five-year budget provides a projection that revenues should significantly exceed expenditures.

Evaluation and assessment follow a standard process at the University. An assessment plan is developed as a part of the creation of any program curriculum at the institution. Each program unit provides annual assessment plans through the institution's Continuous Improvement Process. The plans contain the unit's mission, goals, student learning outcomes, assessment measures, and annual performance targets. The Continuous Improvement Process is managed using Taskstream, a software management system. As noted above, outcomes for the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Human Performance degree program were provided.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Human Performance degree program. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.**

Enclosed is an invoice for \$500 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

The Commission wishes you success in this endeavor.

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. Marc A. Nigliazzo, President  
Dr. Crystal A. Baird



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**INVOICE**

Date	Invoice #
11/16/2017	4212

Bill To
Texas A&M University Central Texas 1001 Leadership Place Killeen, TX 76549-5901

Due Date	Account #
Due upon receipt	50725

Description	Amount
REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE PROSPECTUS FEE	
Substantive Change Fee for transmitting a prospectus to offer the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Human Performance degree program, effective August 15, 2018.	500.00

Please make checks payable to SACSCOC. Attn:Business Office and/or Sharon Wilks	<b>Total</b>	\$500.00
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	<b>Balance Due</b>	\$500.00

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