Date: February 20, 2015

To: Cecile Lindsay, Vice Provost and Den of Graduate Studies

Via: Jim Roval, Interim Dean, CHHS

From: Sharon R. Guthrie, Chair
Department of Kinesiology

Re: Discontinuance of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree Program in Kinesiology

In accordance with Policy Statement (PS) 95-01, the tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Department of Kinesiology are requesting discontinuance of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree Program in Kinesiology. The BA in Kinesiology currently has only two options: K-12 Physical Education Teacher Education and Adapted Physical Education Teacher Education. The curriculum of these options will remain unchanged, but under the BS Degree Program, there will be only one option (Physical Education Teacher Education) with two concentrations (K-12 PETE, APE). These structural and degree program modifications were approved by the Kinesiology faculty, former Associate Dean, Sue Stanley, and the CHHS Educational Policies Committee during Fall 2014; they are currently undergoing review at the university level.

The rationale for the discontinuance is two-fold: 1) to be in accordance with the recommendations of previous internal and external program reviewers, who concluded that such a change would bring the physical education teacher education curriculum in our department into line with pedagogical curricula in other kinesiology departments in the State of California and reduce the number of degree programs at the undergraduate level; and 2) repackaging into one option with two concentrations will make the program more attractive and streamline the process of graduating students in a timely manner. For example, many students desire the content in both options, or have made a request to change from K-12 PETE to APE or vice versa; moving to one option with two concentrations will facilitate such changes.