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Thomas S. Buchanan, Ph.D.  
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Dear Tom,

I am writing in support of the proposal to establish an undergraduate minor in Biomedical Engineering in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The undergraduate degree in Exercise Science in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences offers a concentration in Biomechanics, and the minor in Biomedical Engineering will greatly enhance this concentration. The HNES Biomechanics concentration currently enrolls approximately 8 new students each year, and I anticipate that all of these students will enroll in the new minor.

On behalf of the faculty and students in the HNES Biomechanics program, I enthusiastically support your proposal to implement a minor in Biomedical Engineering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Richards".

James G. Richards, Ph.D.  
Professor and Associate Dean  
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