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Susan J. Hall  
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Dear Susan:

I am providing this letter to express my strong, enthusiastic support for the proposal for a new Ph.D. in Applied Physiology. The physiology faculty within the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences are certainly well-qualified to mentor doctoral students in the proposed program, as demonstrated by their success in establishing well-funded individual research programs, as well as their successful track record of supervising Ph.D. students in the Biomechanics and Movement Science (BMSC) program.

The department currently has 45 graduate students in the graduate programs in Exercise Science and BMSC, all of whom are funded through RA, TA, or GA positions or competitive fellowships. This clearly demonstrates that the faculty are successfully acquiring funding to support their graduate students.

The individual laboratories within the Human Performance Lab (HPL) are well-equipped by virtue of the ongoing research programs and provide a high quality environment for graduate education. The intellectual environment within the HPL is also excellent, with regularly meeting journal clubs for several areas of specialization.

In summary, the department has the faculty, laboratory, and financial resources necessary for the proposed Ph.D. program in Applied Physiology to be very successful. You have my unequivocal support for launching this new degree program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy".

Kathleen S. Matt

Dean, College of Health Sciences