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Dr. Harold Reimer, Dean Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies University of Regina

Dr. Reimer:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with CCAM on November 6, 2023 and providing your verbal update on the work being done in response to the Faculty's most recent Academic Unit Review. We appreciate that you and your faculty members have embraced numerous recommendations from the external report and are so actively engaged in re-imagining the courses, programs and degrees offered by Kinesiology and Health Studies.

The re-evaluation and wholesale rejuvenation of the curriculum(s) used in Kinesiology and Health Studies is a massive undertaking and it says a considerable amount about the safe environment in the Faculty that faculty members have not only engaged with the academic unit review process but are collectively working towards achieving the goals as laid out in the recommendations of the external review report. The committee wanted to specifically commend those involved in actively listening to students (especially in regards to the discussions around the field work experience). It seems clear that there is a collective will to really make the student experience in your Faculty the best it can be.

The committee is cognizant that most of the work being done in response to the academic unit review is currently in progress. Your report provides a snapshot "of a moment in time"; a very dynamic moment when many elements are moving simultaneously. As such, commenting on a durational process that is nowhere near completion would be unwise, but the committee does offer some guidance. The committee encourages the faculty members working on the revised curriculum to continue working towards the goal of creating programs with more electives and program flexibility. We would like to highlight the importance of ensuring that the students who are being grandfathered through the old programs are counselled well and that there are enough classes being offered for them to complete their degree. It is also important to reinforce the notion that the program they are currently in is still of value. Finally, the committee recommends that the Faculty develop indicators to measure the resulting changes and assess how these changes actually affect the outcomes for students.

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Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with CCAM and we look forward to hearing about the results of this work in the 5 year update.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any assistance.

Sincerely

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