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August 24, 2023

Dr. Jack Hu  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
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Dear Provost Hu,

Consistent with the [University of Georgia 4.13 Policy on Centers](#), I formally recommend the dissolution of the Center for Physical Activity and Health as proposed by Dean Spangler and Dr. Buckworth. I have reviewed their recommendation to dissolve the Center and find it meets the requirements outlined in the Policy on Centers.

Sincerely,

Karen J.L. Burg, Ph.D., FNAI, FBSE, FAIMBE  
Vice President for Research

**Attachments:**

- Letter of Recommendation of Dissolution from Dean Spangler and Dr. Buckworth

cc: Denise A. Spangler, Dean of Mary Frances College of Education  
Janet Buckworth, Department Head of Kinesiology



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## Mary Frances Early College of Education

*Office of the Dean*

June 27, 2022

Dr. Karen J.L. Burg  
Vice President for Research  
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Dear Vice President Burg,

I request that Center for Physical Activity and Health be dissolved in accordance with the [Policy on Centers](#). The institute was formally approved in 1980 and was designed as an outreach program that also served as a teaching and learning laboratory for student practica and internships. Five years ago, the center director moved to a leadership role within the college. During that five-year period, activities in the center diminished, and the center has been effectively deactivated since before the global pandemic. Effective July 31, the center director is leaving the university.

There are not faculty members with research interests in the Department of Kinesiology who wish to assume leadership for the center, and the exercise science program is moving in a different direction with its work. The faculty and department leadership have asked for the center to be dissolved.

We do not anticipate any adverse consequences to the university from its closure. The center is currently inactive, is receiving no funds, and has no budgeted faculty time allocated to it. The center has no staff, degree programs, or students. Thus, we request the dissolution of the Center for Physical Activity and Health. If you approve, please forward your approval to the Provost for his approval and placement on the University Council agenda. Thank you for your consideration of this request; I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Spangler  
Dean

Janet Buckworth  
Department Head, Kinesiology