Undergraduate Program Review Kinesiology 2007-2008

I. Strengths

The self-study was well prepared and included ample documentation. *Strengths* of the program include adequate numbers of majors to support the program and clearly delineated strategies for improving enrollment on both campuses. The program is strengthened by progressive leadership and dedicated faculty and administration whose scholarly and professional activities have been increasingly recognized by the learned societies of their disciplines. In both tracks of the program, substantial changes in the curricula have voluntarily aligned the disciplines with national standards. The program has articulated significant plans for future growth and development of each track on both campuses and has candidly assessed progress toward these goals.

II. Weaknesses

Weaknesses of the program have resulted from faculty and administrative turnover during the review period, but both have stabilized in recent years. Faculty must balance heavy teaching expectations relative to their desire as well as the requirements for engagement in research. The discrepancy between these requirements and the University's Carnegie status jeopardize the recruitment and retention of quality faculty. Despite recent improvements, the program is hindered by lack of funding to maintain adequate facilities and equipment.

III. Recommendations

The Committee recommends unconditional continuation of the Kinesiology program.