To: WOU Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate

From: Brian Caster, Division of Health and Physical Education

Date: October 10, 2011

RE: Exercise Science Program Change cover letter

Dear Committee Members:

The submitted program change proposal within the **Applied Track of the BA/BS degree in Exercise Science** consists of the following modification:

Drop PE 499-Capstone from the Major

Add (in place of PE 499): **PE 419-Internship in Exercise Science** (see new course proposal, and Exercise Science major attachment within program change proposal)

Exit surveys conducted within the first two graduating classes within this recently designed major indicate a very strong student desire for greater levels of hands-on, practical experience within professional settings appropriate to the range of careers emanating from the Exercise Science major. Furthermore, the complementary major from the Health program within the HPE division (Community Health Education) has enjoyed success with their required internship experiences. A reorganization of adjunct FTE is being pursued in identification of an adjunct faculty who would oversee both Exercise Science and Community Health Education internships, making the move to this requirement at this time feasible.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal,