



**DEAN'S RESPONSE TO PROGRAM REVIEW**  
**B.S. and M.S. Kinesiology**  
**College of Science**

*The purpose of the Dean's Response is to highlight the strengths and opportunities within the program, aiding the prioritization of the program's action plan. It allows the dean to offer support to the program, identify common interests across programs within the college and Cal Poly Pomona, and connect relevant resources on- and off-campus. Encapsulating these efforts helps align priorities for continuous improvement, and attempts to meet identified resource needs.*

**Dates of External Review:** April 27 & 28, 2023

**External Reviewers:**

- Professor Hawley Almstedt, Loyola Marymount University
- Professor Brian Clocksin, Samuel Merritt University
- Professor Rock Braithwaite, Cal Poly Humboldt

**Key Strengths of the Program.** *Provide a list of the top (5 or less) program strengths. Further details are only necessary if they are absent from the self-study, external review report, internal review report, or department response.*

As noted by the external reviewers, the department has created a climate of respect and equity, which is aligned with their strategic plan completed in 2020. They have updated the B.S. curriculum to better support career preparation with a new internship requirement, as well as to be more inclusive, e.g., by adding a required adapted physical activity course utilizing their Motor Development Clinic. Both the B.S. and M.S. programs have grown with a notable increase in the graduate program, in part because of strong program leadership and the hiring of seven new tenure-track faculty with a range of research expertise. With support from the college, the department also recently completed the renovation of a new 4,000 sq ft exercise science laboratory to support both teaching and research needs as it continues to grow.

**Priorities for Action.** *Provide a prioritized list of the top (5 or less) areas of improvement for the program. Further details are only necessary if they are absent from the self-study, external review report, internal review report, or department response.*

The short- and long-term priorities of the action plan were discussed with the dean's office and are fully supported. The department has short-term priorities in the areas of assessment (re-establish committee, exit survey), student success (equity gaps), technology (website), professional development, and faculty hiring due to two recent retirement/FERPs. The last priority is particularly important given that more than 750 students will be supported by 11 tenure-line faculty after the FERP faculty leave. In the longer term, the department plans to establish an advisory board to include community partners and professional organizations in order to better understand the evolving needs of its students and the broader community. Given the role of the department in supporting students in the health sciences, the establishment of such an advisory board should better prepare majors for the wide range of career options available to them.

**Dean's Name:** Alison Baski

**Dean's Signature:**  April 7, 2024