Proposal for Termination of the Sport Communication Area of Emphasis in the Undergraduate Sport Studies Major

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia Date: January 12, 2005
2. College: Education
3. Department: Physical Education and Sport Studies
4. Program: Sport Communication Area of Emphasis
5. Deactivation _______ or Termination ______x
6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Spring, 2005 (admission will be stopped as soon as termination is approved).
7. Last date students will graduate from the program: Spring, 2006
8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program

Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.

The sport communication area of emphasis in the Sport Studies major requires 18 hours of course work in the Grady College of Journalism of Mass Communication designed to prepare individuals to work in the field of sport journalism. The reasons for terminating this area of emphasis are that (1) students are no longer be guaranteed seats in journalism classes due to demands by journalism majors and (2) there is a joint Sport Studies B.S.Ed.-Journalism A.B.J. major that will serve the needs of those seriously interested in sport journalism. These students would be able to obtain the journalism courses they need because they will be journalism majors. Eliminating the area of emphasis will eliminate this program duplication. Admission will cease as soon as this proposal for termination is approved. Termination will have no negative effect on faculty or on other programs in the Departments of Physical Education and Sport Studies.

9. Signatures

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Department Head Dean of College Dean of Graduate School
II. **Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs**

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation of programs) is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies or decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

   The faculty of the Departments of Exercise Science and Physical Education and Sport Studies (to become the Department of Kinesiology) voted 11-0 in favor of terminating the Sport Communication Area of Emphasis in the Sport Studies major.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

   There are several reasons for terminating this area of emphasis. A recent communication from John Soloski, Dean of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, indicated that Sport Studies/Sport Communication majors could no longer be guaranteed seats in journalism classes due to demands by journalism majors. Thus, it is not realistic to offer an area of emphasis if students cannot get the courses they need. In addition, there is a joint Sport Studies B.S.Ed.-Journalism A.B.J. major that will serve the needs of those seriously interested in sport journalism. These students would be able to obtain the journalism courses they need because they will be journalism majors. Eliminating the area of emphasis will eliminate program duplication.

3. State the plans for allowing those students in the program to complete degree requirements.

   All of the required courses for the major in Sport Studies will continue to be offered. Thus, students will be able to complete requirements for the major. They may or may not be able to complete the sport communication area of emphasis, depending on whether they would be able to enroll in the journalism courses they would need.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact of deactivation or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty involved?

   Termination of the area of emphasis in sport communication will have no negative impact on the faculty of the Department. Faculty assignments and workloads will not be affected. All courses in the Sport Studies major will continue to be offered. The faculty voted to terminate the program.

5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

   Termination of the area of emphasis will have no impact on the other programs of the Department. The dual major in Sport Studies/Journalism is a stronger program and will remain.
6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

There are no plans to reinstate the program.