

**Department of Kinesiology
National Flagship Action Agenda (Draft)
2003 -2004**

Vision: The Department of Kinesiology at Louisiana State University seeks to be recognized among its peers nationally and internationally as a highly visible elite research, teaching and service unit.

Mission: The mission of the department is the generation and dissemination of knowledge about human movement and its application to physical activity. To achieve this mission the department provides programs of excellence in graduate and undergraduate education. Faculty members are dedicated to a broad understanding of health and exercise in schools, community fitness and recreation centers, hospitals, rehabilitation units, business and industry, and a variety of sport settings. The program explores a full continuum of processes and outcomes, and is concerned with individuals ranging from young to old, healthy to diseased, and skilled to unskilled.

Goal 1. To promote quality basic and applied research in human movement with a focus on concentrations in exercise physiology, motor behavior and pedagogy, to enhance the body of knowledge in kinesiology, and strengthen the national and international status of the department. Advance the research mission and increase research productivity and external funding.

Actions:

1. Research active faculty will make decisions about how to best use new research laboratory space (Gym Armory 34).
2. All research active faculty will submit one research grant proposal.
3. All research active faculty will publish at least two research articles in top rated journals.
4. All research active faculty will present at least one presentation at a national or international conference.

Outcomes:

1. Research space will be improved.
2. External funding will increase to a level above the 2002-2003 year.
3. Faculty productivity will increase.
4. Faculty national recognition will increase.

Goal 2: To increase interdisciplinary research and maintain and expand collaborative relationships.

Actions:

1. Each concentration will strengthen and increase partnerships currently in place: for example, Pedagogy - K-12 Schools; Exercise Physiology - PBRC; Motor Behavior -

LSU Health Science Center.

Outcomes:

1. Increased collaborative research opportunities for graduate students.
2. Faculty will be engaged in collaborative research with partners.

Goal 3. Increase the quality of the graduate program and the number of graduate students with strong academic credentials.

Actions:

1. Each concentration will enroll at least one doctoral student with a 1200 (verbal and quantitative) or higher GRE.
2. Faculty in each area will establish learning outcomes for M.S. and Ph.D. programs.
3. Faculty in each area will review program offerings and strengthen the requirements.

Outcomes:

1. Number of high quality graduate students will increase.
2. Program outcomes for graduate programs will be developed and assessed.
3. Quality of graduate program will increase.

Goal 4. Increase the quality of the undergraduate programs and its students.

Actions:

1. Revise curriculum based on student outcomes assessment data from 2003.
2. Continue to analyze core courses to determine what contribution each is making toward the outcome goals.
3. Examine the learning outcomes for the curriculum and propose revisions or modifications needed to accomplish the department mission.
4. Monitor the pace of student progress through the major.
5. Implement an Internship Program for Movement Science students.
6. Provide more opportunities for service learning.

Outcomes:

1. The quality and graduation rates of students will increase.
2. Quality of the curriculum will be improved.
3. Students will be more engaged with application of their course work in the workplace.

Goal 5. Increase funding sources to support Goals 1-4.

Actions:

1. Increase external funding (grants and donations) for renovation of facilities.
2. Increase funding for faculty and students awards.