

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Judy L. Bonner  
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FROM: Academic Affairs Committee  
Faculty Senate  
(Marion Paris, Co-Chair, Writing for the Committee)

SUBJ: Administrative Transfer of Health Studies and Athletic Training

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Thanks to good timing, the Academic Affairs Committee received your joint memo Tuesday, September 29, as we were about to conclude our meeting. I am writing on behalf of the Committee to seek clarification of several matters.

1. Has the sum of money that will be transferred to the College of Education from Health Studies' Distance Education line been agreed upon and allocated? Will all of the start-up costs associated with Education's DE masters program be covered by the reimbursed amount? Is there in place a contingency plan for additional funding in the event of a shortfall?
2. Have the reimbursement process and its rationale been clarified for those staff at the operational level who will actually be responsible for carrying out the transfer?
3. Has consideration been given to a long-range plan to protect HS/AT faculty lines and staff positions as vacancies inevitably occur?
4. Will budgeting and reconciling expenditures be made retroactive to October 1?
5. Will the mechanism for annual evaluation of faculty, as separate from promotion and tenure review, be congruent with CHES practices retroactive to October 1? Will "grandfathering" of students be necessary for any reason?
6. Will centrality to the mission of the University continue to be a sticking point for HS/AT after the administrative transfer? Is ACHE viability in question?

Members of the Academic Affairs Committee concur that the administrative transfer of Health Studies and Athletic Training to the College of Human Environmental Sciences is a sensible move, reflecting the further evolving affinity among the departments. The transfer appears both to benefit and to enhance faculty collaboration, students' interests, program quality, and long-term vitality of The University of Alabama.