



April 20, 2015

Andrew Hippisley  
Chair, University of Kentucky Senate Council

Dear Dr. Hippisley,

The Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) discussed via email the proposal by Scott Lephart, Dean for College of Health Sciences, to create a Sports Medicine Institute. Professor Lephart joined the University of Kentucky in 2014 from the University of Pittsburg where he and the team which accompanied him to the University of Kentucky conducted multidisciplinary research in collaboration with scientists in other departments on projects related to sports medicine. The success of that program is the impetus for this proposal.

This proposal is a joint initiative involving College of Health Sciences, College of Medicine, UK HealthCare, and UK Athletics Department. The home for the institute will be the College of Health Sciences. From the proposal, "The proposed SMRI will adopt a comprehensive research agenda with capabilities to support four central research foci including 1) injury prevention and performance, 2) musculoskeletal health and rehabilitation, 3) nutrition/metabolism and physiology, and 4) neurocognition." As such, the work of the institute can include scientists from many other colleges and departments.

The proposal is accompanied by letters of support from Deans and the Faculty councils from the Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing and Public Health. Faculty invited to join as associate members have written support letters. It is a popular initiative.

The SAOSC recommends approval of the proposed Sports Medicine Research Institute.

Respectfully and on behalf of the SAOSC,

Ernest Bailey, PhD  
Professor  
Chair of SAOSC

**Proposal to the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) to  
Create the University of Kentucky Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI)  
College of Health Sciences**

**Submitted By:  
Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
College of Health Sciences  
Endowed Chair of Orthopaedic Research**

*All collaborating College Deans have reviewed and endorsed this proposal including the  
Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Education, Engineering, Medicine, Nursing,  
and Public Health.*

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### **Rationale to Establish the Sports Medicine Research Institute**

In October 2014, Scott Lephart accepted the position as Dean of the College of Health Sciences (CHS). As the Dean, he identified priorities and resources critical for the College to achieve the vision within the University's strategic plan. Of these priorities, one of the most critical is to grow a comprehensive and robust research portfolio through innovative strategies that add value and sustainability to the current research agenda of CHS, the five other UK Health Profession Colleges, UK HealthCare, and the University at large. To bolster this agenda, six of Dr. Lephart's colleagues have relocated to the University of Kentucky. Additionally \$4.7M in research grants, from the Office of Naval Research and US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command have been awarded/are in processing to the University of Kentucky and are central to these research efforts.

For nearly 30 years, this research team conducted sports medicine research at the University of Pittsburgh's Neuromuscular Research Laboratory (NMRL) and Warrior Human Performance Research Center (WHPRC). The NMRL and WHPRC represented a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach to prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of injury and gained national and international recognition for its study of sports medicine and orthopaedic-related research. This research team secured more than \$40M in research grants over the last decade and operated eight research centers within US Department of Defense (DOD) Special Operations military installations across the country.

The proposed Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) will enable similar research activities as described above. It represents a joint initiative among CHS, College of Medicine, UK HealthCare, and UK Athletics Department and will be housed in CHS. The proposed SMRI will be a 9000 sq. ft. contemporary and state-of-the-art enterprise positioned to be a global leader in sports medicine and orthopaedic research. This research institute will support ongoing and future CHS faculty research initiatives, and among other cohorts the research needs of UK Athletics Department, UK Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine practice, and the world's most elite tactical athletes, US Special Forces Operators who protect our national security in the fight against global terror. The proposed SMRI will adopt a comprehensive research agenda with capabilities to support four central research foci including 1) injury prevention and performance, 2) musculoskeletal health and rehabilitation, 3) nutrition/metabolism and physiology, and 4) neurocognition.

The proposed SMRI will continue to conduct sponsored grant funded research with the US DOD and US Special Forces and will serve as the central research facility to support its satellite DOD grant-funded laboratories (Camp Lejeune, NC/Fort Bragg, NC). Under this research, the proposed SMRI will function to develop research protocols, conduct pilot studies, conduct parallel research to meet the grants' stated aims, and manage all data processing, analysis, and interpretation. The facility will be configured with secured data servers and video teleconferencing technology to enable communication with its satellite laboratories and other military collaborators located at Special Operations Forces installations around the country.

In addition to continued support of the US DOD, the research conducted at the proposed SMRI will focus on paradigms of randomized clinical trials and comparative effectiveness research to

validate best practices for prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of sports medicine and orthopaedic-related musculoskeletal injuries. Specific models will include risk mitigation, occupational health and safety, nutrition fueling/hydration strategies and substrate utilization, visual acuity, fatigue/recovery, endocrine health, sleep and stress, battlefield medicine, adaptive technology, concussion/mild traumatic brain injury, orthopaedic-related injury prevention and rehabilitation interventions, healthy aging, and women's health. The proposed SMRI will be dynamic and will allow for a continuum of research to support a variety of agendas in its central research foci areas. This research will translate to improving the health and wellness of the citizens of the Commonwealth across age and physical activity spectrums.

### **Impact on Academics/Research**

The proposed SMRI will also provide research experiences for students across the University. It will be aligned with the CHS Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program and will create new opportunities for research training by providing student funding through graduate research assistantships and mentoring of PhD students. The available graduate student assistantships at the proposed SMRI will provide students with immersive applied research opportunities to gain the critical skills necessary to become successful researchers. Additional research experiences will be available for PhD students outside of the College of Health Sciences. The faculty of the proposed SMRI will be comprised of multidisciplinary experts, and as such, graduate student researchers will be recruited in disciplines that align with the faculty. The proposed SMRI investigators will include backgrounds in athletic training, physical therapy, medicine, exercise physiology, epidemiology, nutrition, neurocognition, biomechanics, and bioengineering.

Specific undergraduate research opportunities will be developed to support the University's strategic initiative promoting undergraduate research. These research experiences will also provide a research environment for students enrolled in the CHS Undergraduate Research Certificate program.

Generally, the proposed SMRI will provide research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, and residents and fellows (postdoctoral/clinical). Beyond UK borders will include active duty military personnel on academic leave, military personnel who graduated from the Baylor Physical Therapy program, and veterans (internships and postdoctoral training). The integration of student, resident, fellowship, and active duty and veteran research experiences will include exposure to research projects, grand rounds and journal clubs, grantsmanship program, muscle forum, and attendance/presentations at regional, national, and international professional conferences and symposiums. This multidisciplinary approach will broaden the scientific understanding through a holistic approach.

The creation of the SMRI will not have any implications on the accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or other organizations.

### **University of Kentucky- College of Health Sciences**

The Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program is designed to produce research and academic leaders in rehabilitation sciences for the professions of four disciplines: athletic training, communication sciences and disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. The program is designed to prepare scholars to conduct orthopaedic and rehabilitation-related research, teach

at the university level, direct discipline-specific education programs, work in the rehabilitation services field, and collaborate with other professionals to provide leadership in rehabilitation health. The program's research is central to issues contributing new knowledge concerning the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of sports and orthopaedic injuries. This program offers a unique multidisciplinary, multi-institutional emphasis. Students can study with professionals from all four disciplines and course work is offered from faculty members from four institutions within the Commonwealth: University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky University. Our program is dedicated to the idea of multidisciplinary service delivery, research, and education.

Weekly seminars will provide students with access to the most current research and clinical developments related to injury prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and performance with a specific focus on, although not limited to, military-related research. The addition of the proposed SMRI research will allow our students to further expand their technical skills by engaging in innovative orthopaedic and sports medicine research. Those interested in obtaining a PhD will enroll in the University of Kentucky's graduate school with mentor assignment to one of faculty of the proposed SMRI.

Since 2007, five active duty military personnel have enrolled in CHS's Rehabilitation Science doctoral program through the US Army's Long Term Health Education Training (LTHET). LTHET provides US Army Medical Department medical personnel the opportunity to enroll in formal education and training at non-Federal educational institutions in exchange for 3-6 years of service. The creation of the SMRI will allow for a more formal recruitment of students with specific research interest in sports medicine, orthopaedic treatment, and rehabilitation. Interdisciplinary relationships with academic institutions outside of UK will be encouraged. These relationships will provide for apprenticeships that will provide focused research experiences and exposure to different facilities and expertise. Multiple experiences will expose the students to unique ideas and methods and will help them refine the line of research inquiry suitable to advance the mission of the proposed SMRI. This program will also enhance partnerships between CHS/University of Kentucky and military institutions/military treatment facilities. The proposed SMRI has the potential to expand this type of relationship with similar programs that exist within the four other US Armed Forces service branches (Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy).

### **University of Kentucky- Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine**

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine includes an orthopaedic residency, sports medicine fellowship, and trauma fellowship. Currently the Department is accredited for an annual recruitment of five residents, two orthopaedic trauma fellows, three orthopaedic sports medicine fellows, and two orthopaedic primary care fellows. Their training is comprehensive and involves all aspects of orthopaedic and orthopaedic subspecialty training in a hospital and outpatient facilities including training room and playing field settings. Orthopaedic residents and fellows are also required to participate in research as a part of their graduation requirement. The residents have a dedicated block of their training between years 2-3 where they conduct a research project over a three months period during which they are exempt from routine clinical activities. The proposed SMRI will enhance the orthopaedic fellowship by providing a state-of-the-art facility where residents and fellows can conduct dedicated research in an immersive

applied research experience. The proposed SMRI and the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine will form a collaborative partnership to strengthen research opportunities.

### **Organizational Structure**

In correspondence with the VPR, the SMRI will be housed within the College of Health Sciences. Its Director will report to the Dean, College of Health Sciences and in turn, participate in regular communication with the existing research centers under the VPR's domain.

The proposed SMRI's research team will include associate faculty from seven colleges (Appendix 1 and 3). All full-time research DOE for the SMRI, including its Director, will have primary appointments in the College of Health Sciences. The Director of the SMRI will be chosen by the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, who in consultation with the Deans of the collaborating Colleges, host College's Chairs, and VPR, selects the Director for recommendation to the Provost. The Director will be appointed for a six-year term by the Dean of CHS with confirmation of the Provost, Board of Trustees, and President. The Director will be subject to annual performance reviews by the Dean of College of Health Sciences. Overall performance of the Director will be evaluated externally as part of the formal University periodic review of the Institute (described below). This information will be made available to the Dean of College of Health Sciences and University leadership for use in deliberations regarding possible re-appointment. The Director is eligible for reappointment upon recommendation of the Dean of College of Health Sciences with University approval as above (GR VII A 4 c).

Voting Faculty of the educational unit: When educational policy needs to be established concerning the content of educational activities being housed at the Institute, the educational policy shall be established by the vote of those faculty with recurring, formally assigned instructional, research, and/or service duties in the Institute, i.e., the "members" of the faculty of the Institute (GR VII.A.7). When University regulations authorize or require the vote or action of the faculty members of an educational unit on other matters (e.g., GR IX.III.paragraph 2), then the vote or action concerning the Institute shall be taken by the above faculty membership.

An initial SMRI advisory board has been appointed by Dr. Lephart as the Interim Director (replaced with new Director upon approval and appointment described above) to provide oversight on planning and implementation of research within the institute. The advisory board will provide recommendations regarding administrative and programmatic implementation, financial management, and periodic evaluation. The initial advisory board will be comprised of:

- Scott Lephart, PhD- Dean, College of Health Sciences, Associate Faculty, Interim Director
- John Abt, PhD- Associate Faculty
- Nick Heebner, PhD- Associate Faculty
- Meaghan Beck, MPA- Staff
- W. Scott Black, MD, MS- Associate Faculty
- Darren Johnson, MD- Associate Faculty
- Christian Lattermann, MD- Associate Faculty
- Brian Noehren, PT, PhD, FACSM- Associate Faculty

The proposed SMRI will be evaluated annually by the Advisory Board (inclusive of the Director and Dean, College of Health Sciences). The following information will be included in the annual report:

- Peer reviewed publications
- Peer reviewed presentations
- Awards and honors
- Funding productivity (# awarded/# submissions)
- Professional memberships
- Professional development

In accordance with Governing Regulation IX and Administrative Regulation 1:4, the SMRI will publish an annual progress report to document unit progress toward achieving its strategic planning initiatives based on the results and recommendations of its periodic review.

The SMRI will be reviewed comprehensively at regular intervals by an ad hoc committee every five to seven years. All periodic reviews will be “used to evaluate unit performance and effectiveness with respect to the quality of education and student support programs, resources, and administrative processes, and services. The results of the periodic review are used for developing strategic planning and unit initiatives” (AR 1:4, Part VI, A1).

The multidisciplinary associate faculty of the proposed SMRI is currently collaborating on several projects and is represented by faculty from within the College of Health Sciences (Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and Department of Clinical Sciences), UK HealthCare, UK Athletics Department, College of Medicine, College of Public Health, College of Engineering, College of Nursing, College of Education, and College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. All collaborating College Deans have reviewed and endorsed this proposal including the Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Education, Engineering, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health. The creation of the SMRI will provide for a unique and comprehensive research environment that will enable integrated collaboration across campus and provide a competitive advantage for all faculty seeking grant sponsored research.

No faculty will transfer to the proposed SMRI, but will remain in their respective academic units and will be able to carry out their negotiated (with Department Chair and Director) sponsored research DOE within the SMRI. In accordance with GR VII.A.paragraph 1, the time equivalence assigned to these faculty to perform instruction, research, and service in the SMRI will cumulate to at least one FTE. To date, the associate faculty have \$20M in research grants currently in review to be conducted in the proposed SMRI. These collaborations will grow with other University Departments and Divisions as relationships are developed. The organizational structure of the proposed SMRI is outlined in Appendix 1.

### **Alignment with College and University Objectives and Priorities**

The proposed SMRI’s mission is to explore ways to minimize injury, optimize performance, maximize resiliency, and quality of life through excellence in research, community outreach, and collaboration — all leading to one outcome: optimal health. This mission aligns directly with objectives and priorities of CHS and the University of Kentucky.



CHS's primary objective is to help the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and beyond, gain and retain the highest level of health through creative leadership and productivity in education, research, and service. The proposed SMRI is a manifestation of this objective. The institute is a means for students to experience education outside the classroom and to be integrated into a contemporary applied research setting with interprofessional and innovative learning opportunities. CHS and proposed SMRI share a common vision— a dynamic, sustainable research enterprise that reaches out into the community, improving the lives of Kentuckians and beyond, while helping individuals attain optimal health. The proposed SMRI's agenda is vital to establishing best clinical practices for health care providers and for the attaining optimal health.

The University of Kentucky's strategic objectives aim to improve people's lives through excellence in education, research, service, and health care. Improving people's lives is at the core of proposed SMRI's mission and services, which include: 1) research opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students that will promote self-discovery, experiential learning, and discovery, 2) innovative research and scholarship opportunities, 3) community outreach and engagement to recreational and competitive youth, high school, collegiate, professional, and senior athletes, coaches, parents, and other health care providers, and 4) applicable strategies on injury prevention, human performance, sports nutrition and overall wellness. UK is a fundamental research university that facilitates learning informed by scholarship and research; expands knowledge through research, scholarship and creative activity; and serves a global community by disseminating, sharing and applying knowledge. As a research institute, the proposed SMRI will play a role in advancing these research endeavors and achieving the University's aspiration to become a major comprehensive research institution ranked nationally in the top twenty public universities.

### **Impact Relative to Benchmark Institutions**

The proposed SMRI will be a unique, contemporary, and state-of-the-art enterprise. The faculty of the SMRI will collaborate with many of the academic, military, and non-profit benchmark institutions. These relationships were strategically selected to support multi-institutional consortium grant submissions with representation by the strongest sports medicine and orthopaedic institutions and research laboratories in the civilian and military sectors. Specific collaborations with the University of Pittsburgh will leverage previous relationships between faculty and students of the NMRL and WHPRC as one of the premier research centers in the country. However, few will have the comprehensive capabilities of the University of Kentucky and as such the SMRI will be positioned to be a global leader in sports medicine and orthopaedic research. External collaborators are outlined in Appendix 2.

The multidisciplinary faculty of the proposed SMRI has long been recognized within the national and international scientific communities. With an expanded research agenda and significant research capabilities, the proposed SMRI will fully integrate the faculty and clinical personnel of the University of Kentucky. The faculty infrastructure of the proposed SMRI will strengthen individual research through a multidisciplinary enterprise and encourage collaborative efforts between faculty and clinicians of the represented disciplines.

The proposed SMRI will increase the competitive advantage of grant applications submitted by the University of Kentucky. This may also broaden the availability of funding opportunities

through multidisciplinary collaborative efforts. Furthermore, the integration of basic and applied researchers and clinicians will demonstrate the translational importance of the research across these disciplines.

Prior to joining the University of Kentucky, this research team had established a research agenda within the Department of Defense and US Special Forces community that was unmatched. No other academic or non-academic institution had/has created a sustained research effort that lasted more than a couple years let alone over a decade. A strong multidisciplinary research team was assembled to support the direction of the research with US Special Forces and bring dynamic change to its human performance programming. Specifically, this team managed eight research laboratories across various military installations in what is unprecedented for both location and reach within the Department of Defense.

With the transition to the University of Kentucky, the associate faculty will continue to conduct research testing of Special Forces at Camp Lejeune, NC (Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command) and Fort Bragg, NC (US Army Special Operations Command) while developing models at the proposed SMRI to address specific injury prevention and performance, nutritional, neurocognitive, and rehabilitation needs of Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command. The faculty of the proposed SMRI will also expand its previously developed research to test new models specific to injury prevention, occupational health and safety, performance, musculoskeletal health (treatment/rehabilitation), metabolic health and nutrition, and neurocognitive/mild traumatic brain injury needs of those who are physically active, including, commonwealth citizens, high school and university athletes, tactical athletes, and those suffering from orthopaedic-related injuries.

CHS is currently working in collaboration with the Jockey's Guild, Inc, the Jockey Club, and College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment to promote and investigate factors related to the safety, and health and human performance in horse racing. The goal is to identify factors, discover, and develop effective interventions to protect these athletes while striving to reduce liability and costs for racetracks, owners and horsemen. To be conducted at the SMRI, this research collaboration accomplishes this by providing support to promote scientifically based and clinically relevant research related to the effectiveness, and development of state-of-the art and innovative methodologies to increase performance, health, and safety of our athletes. This will be the first study of its kind to evaluate such critical safety, health, and human performance needs of jockeys in a Commonwealth known as the thoroughbred capital of the world.

In summary, facilities similar in structure or function to the proposed SMRI are limited domestically and internationally. The proposed SMRI will contribute significantly to the research portfolio of the University of Kentucky and UK HealthCare. The SMRI will garner national and international recognition from the professional organizations represented by this collaborative effort.

### **Key Personnel**

**Scott Lephart, PhD** is Professor and Dean in the College of Health Sciences and Associate Faculty and Advisor Board of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Lephart has more than 30 years of

experience in neuromuscular and biomechanical analysis associated with musculoskeletal injury, surgery, rehabilitation, and prevention. His research has resulted in more than 125 published papers and more than 250 national and international presentations. He has been invited to deliver 20 keynote lectures at professional events round the world. Dr. Lephart previously founded the Neuromuscular Research Laboratory and Warrior Human Performance Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh and was the Director for nearly 30 years. As Director, Dr. Lephart managed over \$40M in funded research for eight research laboratories over the last decade. Dr. Lephart will work in conjunction with the SMRI Director to provide budgetary oversight with the business office and Office of Research at CHS. This will include management of internal and external subawards and overall research activities. He will also facilitate intellectual property development amongst the faculty and work directly with respective intellectual property representatives. As the Dean of CHS at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Lephart will ensure the Director and his research team have the resources necessary to carry out the objectives of the SMRI. He will ensure the research group will be provided with the requisite infrastructure (administrative, regulatory, fiscal) to successfully meet the aims of the SMRI.

**John Abt, PhD, ATC, FACSM** is Associate Professor in the College of Health Sciences and Associate Faculty and Advisory Board of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Abt's clinical expertise is as a certified athletic trainer and is trained in kinematic and electromyographic analysis of human movement, and the physiological aspects of human performance. As the Associate Director of the Neuromuscular Research Laboratory/Warrior Human Performance Research Center, Dr. Abt has served as an investigator (PI and Co-I) on Department of Defense-funded research for the past 15 years and provided direct oversight to multi-institution clinical research and clinical trials (Conventional and Special Forces) located on military installations. Dr. Abt has been responsible for coordinating the construction/renovation of the laboratory, equipment procurement, installation, testing, and piloting. Dr. Abt was responsible for providing financial and administrative management of these projects. He has managed personnel recruitment for eight research centers at US DOD funded Special Forces installations across the country. His other research interests include the application of injury prevention models in various occupation populations and evaluation of recovery protocols to minimize injury risk.

**Nick Heebner, PhD, ATC** is an Assistant Professor in the College of Health Sciences and Associate Faculty of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Heebner has clinical expertise in sports care and rehabilitation as a licensed athletic trainer and is trained in biomechanical and electromyographic analysis of human movement. He has extensive research experience in examining neuromuscular and biomechanical factors linked to musculoskeletal injury in athletes and military personnel. His current research investigates injury prevention and performance enhancement in Special Operations Forces. Dr. Heebner's previous work has focused on lower extremity injury and biomechanical risk factors for anterior cruciate ligament injury. His other research interests include the application of injury prevention models in various occupation populations and the use of portable/wearable technology for injury prevention and rehabilitation in compensative and recreational athletes.

**W. Scott Black, MD, MS** is an Associate Professor in the College of Health Sciences, Director of the Physician Assistant Studies Program, and a Team Physician for the University of Kentucky. He is Associate Faculty and Advisory Board of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Black has

clinical expertise in sports medicine and exercise physiology and has significant experience working with endurance athletes. Dr. Black will assist the leadership of the proposed SMRI to plan, monitor, and review research and clinical protocols.

**Darren Johnson, MD** is Associate Faculty and Advisory Board of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Johnson will assist the leadership of the proposed SMRI to plan, monitor, and review research and clinical protocols. Dr. Johnson is Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine at University of Kentucky. He also serves as a team physician for University of Kentucky Athletics. Dr. Johnson's clinical interests and specialties include arthroscopy, knee and shoulder reconstruction, and sports medicine.

**Christian Lattermann, MD** is Associate Faculty and Advisory Board of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Lattermann currently serves as the Director of the UK Center for Cartilage Repair and Restoration and holds a faculty rank of Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Lattermann serves as the Vice Chairman of Orthopaedic Research in the UK College of Medicine. Dr. Lattermann will be a key collaborator on research projects and funding proposals within UK Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. His main research interests surround the prevention and treatment of early osteoarthritis due to athletic injuries.

**Brian Noehren PT, PhD, FACSM** is Associate Faculty and Advisory Board of the proposed SMRI. Dr. Noehren is an Associate Professor in physical therapy at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Noehren's experience in biomechanics, orthopedics and physical therapy will allow him to provide leadership to proposed projects. Additionally, he will provide guidance and advice for the conduct of research directed by the proposed SMRI.

**Meaghan Beck, MPA** is a staff at the College of Health Sciences. Ms. Beck coordinates and manages activities associated with research, including activities related to human subject protection, budgets, and reporting. She is also responsible for strategic initiatives including external relations, organizational capacity building, leveraging technology, research fiscal management, human resources, and other special projects that will create transformative change. Ms. Beck has served as a Research Administrative Coordinator on Department of Defense-funded research for the past four years. During this time, she was responsible for conducting Institutional Review Board audits and ensure compliance with IRB policies; managing public relations activities including website, social media, and local and national press; assisting with grant applications for Department of Defense; coordinating human resources procedures; and overseeing daily operations of a sports medicine research laboratory. Ms. Beck recently completed her master's degree in Public Administration, with a concentration in Public and Nonprofit Management. She has also completed two certificate programs from the Society of Research Administrators International.

A full registry of associate faculty is listed in Appendix 3.

### **Timeline**

The proposed SMRI will be located within the E.J. Nutter Football Training facility. Available space was identified in fall of 2015 resulting from the collaboration between the College of

Health Sciences, College of Medicine, UK HealthCare, and UK Athletics Department. Final structural and funding approvals were obtained from the Board of Trustees in December 2015. Renovation of the E.J. Nutter Football Training Facility is scheduled to begin April 2016 with initial occupancy anticipated for summer 2016.

### **Financial Health**

The faculty of the proposed SMRI has previously secured funding from the Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NFL Charities, and other foundations. This past decade, the associate faculty who joined Dr. Lephart at the University of Kentucky has been awarded over \$40M in funding from the Department of Defense to support our elite military human assets in their quest to protect our national security. This same faculty is currently funded for \$4.7M from the Office of Naval Research and US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command to continue the investigators' ongoing research with US Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command and US Army Special Operations Command. Funding for these projects is effective through the end of CY2018. Currently the SMRI has over \$20M in grant proposals in review with the Department of Defense and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Institutional support has been secured to provide facility renovation and instrumentation to create the proposed SMRI and annually for personnel, operations, and research incentive. This support will establish initial operations of the proposed SMRI and represents a five-year commitment for it to become independently solvent.

### **Grant Funding**

- Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command- \$4.2M
- US Army Special Operations Command- \$500K

Institutional Funding (UK HealthCare, Office of the Vice President of Research, Office of the Provost, Athletics Department)

- Space Renovation: \$600K
- Equipment: \$750K
- Research Personnel (costs not supported by sponsored research): \$745K
- Operational Costs: Annual \$450K for five years from Research Incentive Fund and Estimated Net F&A (VBBM projections)

### **Appendices**

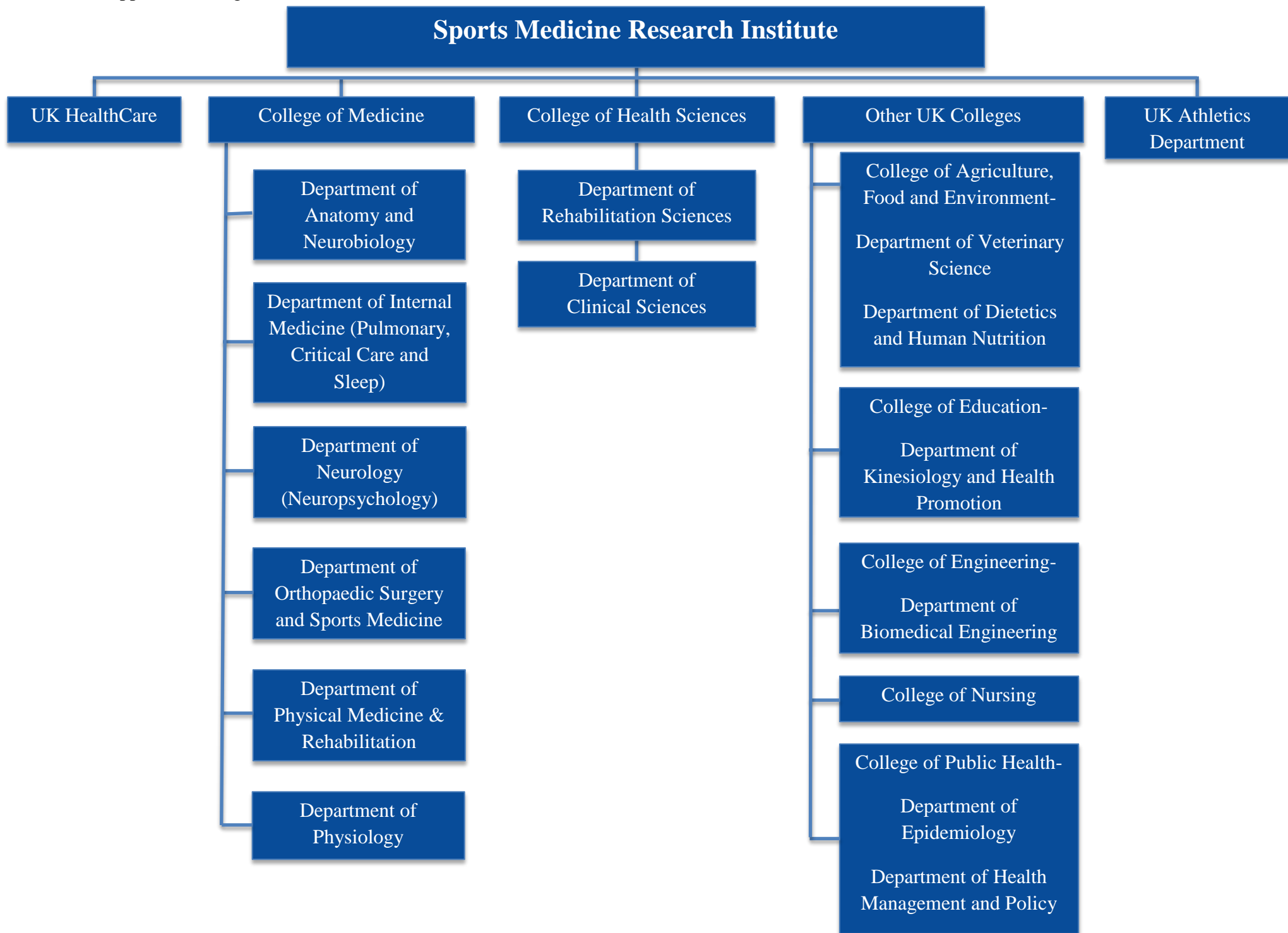
1. Organizational Structure
2. External Collaborators
3. SMRI Faculty

### **Letters of Support**

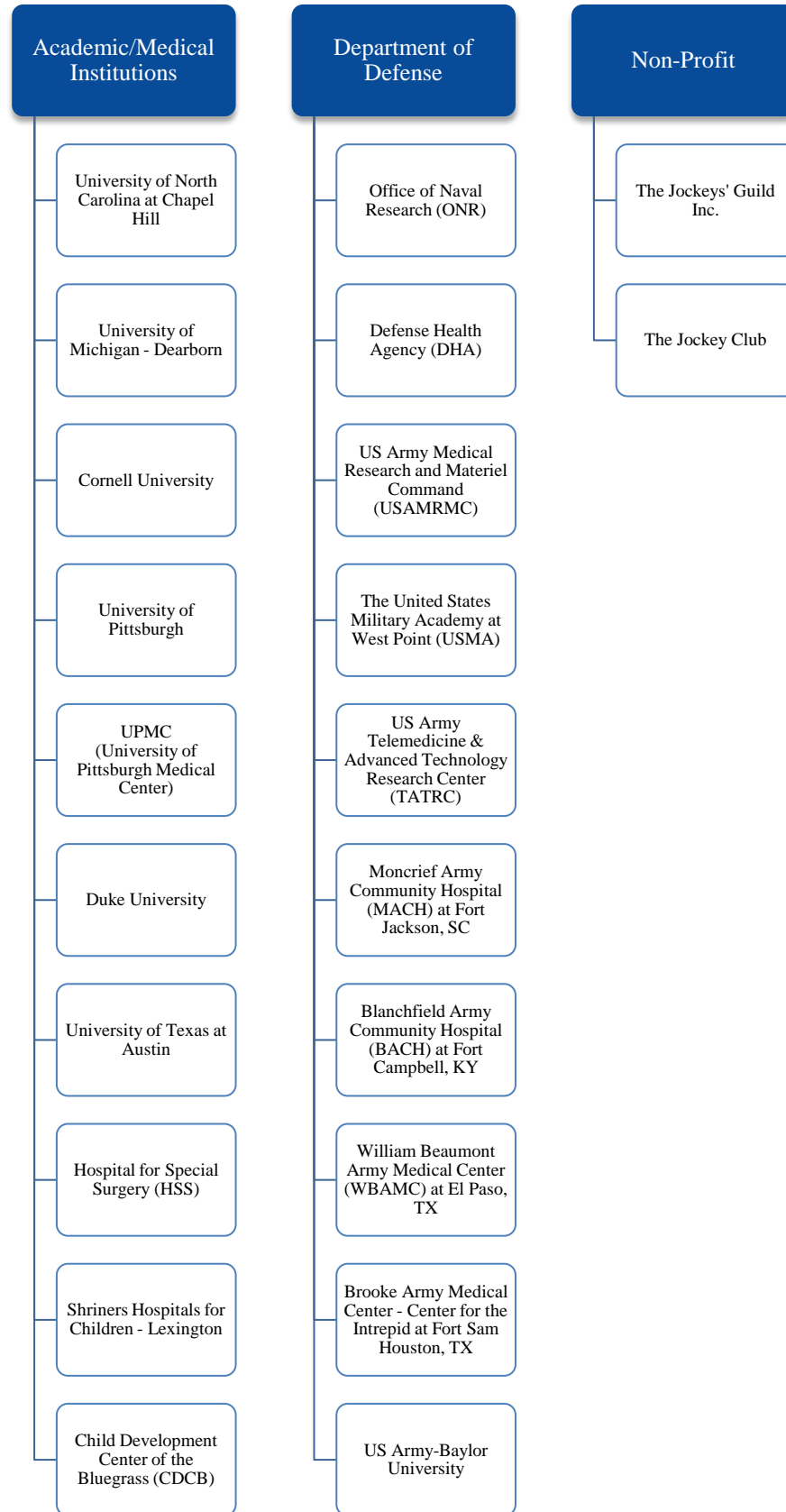
1. Michael Karpf, MD- Executive Vice President Health Affairs
2. Lisa Cassis, PhD- Vice President for Research
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  - b. Nancy Cox, PhD- College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

- c. Robert DiPaola, MD- College of Medicine
  - d. Janie Heath, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN- College of Nursing
  - e. Mary John O’Hair, EdD- College of Education
  - f. John Walz, PhD- College of Engineering
4. Department Chairs
- a. Sandra Bastin, PhD, RD, LD, CCE, Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition
  - b. Tyrone Borders, PhD- Department of Health Management and Policy
  - c. Don M. Gash, PhD- Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology
  - d. Larry B. Goldstein, MD- Department of Neurology
  - e. David W. Horohov, PhD- Department of Veterinary Science
  - f. Ben Johnson, EdD- Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion
  - g. Darren Johnson, MD- Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine
  - h. Janice Kuperstein, PhD, PT- Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
  - i. Terry Lennie, PhD, RN, FAAN- Associate Dean of Graduate Faculty Affairs  
Nursing
  - j. Susan M. McDowell, MD- Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
  - k. David J. Moliterno, MD- Department of Internal Medicine
  - l. Phyllis Nash, MSW, EdD, LCSW- Department of Clinical Sciences
  - m. Abhijit R. Patwardhan, PhD- Department of Biomedical Engineering
  - n. Wayne Sanderson, PhD, MS- Department of Epidemiology
5. Linda Van Eldik, PhD- Director, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease Center
6. James Geddes, PhD- Director, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center
7. Christian Lattermann, MD- Vice Chair, Orthopaedic Research/Director, Center for Cartilage Repair and Restoration
8. Charlotte Peterson, PhD- Associate Dean for Research, College of Health Sciences
9. Sharon Stewart, EdD, CCC-SLP, FASAHP, FASHA- College of Health Sciences, Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs
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  - b. College of Education
  - c. College of Engineering
  - d. College of Health Sciences
  - e. College of Medicine
  - f. College of Nursing
  - g. College of Public Health
11. Associate Faculty (Appendix 3- SMRI Faculty)

Appendix 1- Organizational Structure



## Appendix 2: External Collaborators





Appendix 3- SMRI Faculty

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Mark Abel, PhD</b>	College of Education, Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion	Exercise physiology	Associate Faculty
<b>Jose Abisambra, PhD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Physiology, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging	Protein response and traumatic brain injury	Associate Faculty
<b>John Abt, PhD, ATC, FACSM</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Sports Medicine Research Institute	Sports medicine and musculoskeletal injury prevention	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>Babak Bazrgari, PhD</b>	College of Engineering, Department of Biomedical Engineering	Biomechanics, finite element modeling	Associate Faculty
<b>Meaghan Beck, MPA</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Sports Medicine Research Institute	Research administration and coordination	Advisory Board Staff
<b>W. Scott Black, MD, MS</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Physician Assistant Studies (Director), Sports Medicine Research Institute	Sports medicine and exercise science	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>Timothy Butterfield, PhD, ATC</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training	Muscle mechanics, muscle physiology, and biomechanics	Associate Faculty
<b>Ming-Yuan Chih, PhD, MHA</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Clinical Sciences, Division of Human Health Sciences	Health systems engineering and information and communication technology to improve patient care	Associate Faculty
<b>Jody Clasey, PhD, FACSM</b>	College of Education, Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, Body Composition Core Laboratory (Director)	Body composition, and exercise physiology	Associate Faculty

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Appendix 3- SMRI Faculty

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Stephen Duncan, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, Center for Hip Preservation (Director)	Orthopaedic surgery, sports medicine, hip preservation and arthroplasty	Associate Faculty
<b>Esther Dupont-Versteegden, PhD</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy, Center for Muscle Biology	Molecular physiology	Associate Faculty
<b>James Geddes, PhD</b>	College of Medicine (Associate Dean for Research), Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center (Director)	Neurobiology and traumatic brain injury	Associate Faculty
<b>Phillip Gribble, PhD, ATC, FNATA</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training	Prevention and rehabilitation of injury	Associate Faculty
<b>Dong (Dan) Han, PsyD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Neurology, Division of Neuropsychology (Chair), Multidisciplinary Concussion Program (Director)	Neurology, neuropsychology, and concussion	Associate Faculty
<b>Nick Heebner, PhD, ATC</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Sports Medicine Research Institute	Sports medicine, musculoskeletal injury prevention, and biomechanics	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>Robert Hosey, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine	Sports medicine, family practice, and UK men's basketball team physician	Associate Faculty
<b>Mary Lloyd Ireland, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine	Sports medicine, orthopaedic surgery, and injury prevention	Associate Faculty
<b>Henry Iwinski, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine	Pediatric orthopaedic surgery	Associate Faculty

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<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Cale Jacobs, PhD, ATC</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine	Biomechanics and exercise science	Associate Faculty
<b>Ben Johnson, EdD</b>	College of Education, Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion (Chair)	Biomechanics and exercise science	Associate Faculty
<b>Darren Johnson, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine (Chair), Sports Medicine Research Institute	Orthopaedic surgery and sports medicine, and UK football team physician	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>Nathan Johnson, PT, DPT, PhD</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy	Rehabilitation, neurobiology, and imaging	Associate Faculty
<b>Patrick Kitzman, PhD, MSPT</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy, Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network (Director)	Neurological impairments, spinal cord injury	Associate Faculty
<b>Christian Lattermann, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Center for Cartilage Repair and Restoration (Director), Sports Medicine Research Institute	Orthopaedic surgery, articular cartilage repair and restoration	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>Scott Lephart, PhD</b>	College of Health Sciences (Dean)	Sports medicine and musculoskeletal injury prevention	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>James MacLeod, VMD, PhD</b>	College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Department of Veterinary Science, Equine Sports Science Initiative (Director)	Equine musculoskeletal sciences	Associate Faculty
<b>Jim Madaleno, MS, ATC</b>	Athletics Department (Director of Sports Medicine/Head Athletic Trainer)	Athletic training and sports medicine	Associate

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Appendix 3- SMRI Faculty

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Scott Mair, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine	Orthopaedic surgery, sports medicine, and UK men's basketball team physician	Associate Faculty
<b>Carl Mattacola, PhD, ATC, FNATA</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training	Sports medicine and rehabilitation	Associate Faculty
<b>Glen Mays, PhD, MPH</b>	College of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy	Health care economics and policy	Associate Faculty
<b>Susan McDowell, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Chair)	Rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, and spasticity management	Associate Faculty
<b>Eric Moghadamian, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine	Orthopaedic trauma surgery	Associate Faculty
<b>Peter Morris, MD</b>	College of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Sleep Medicine (Chief)	Pulmonary rehabilitation and critical care	Associate Faculty
<b>Brian Noehren, PT, PhD, FACSM</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy, BioMotion Laboratory (Director)	Rehabilitation and biomechanics	Advisory Board Associate Faculty
<b>Charlotte Peterson, PhD</b>	College of Health Sciences (Associate Dean for Research), Center for Muscle Biology (Director)	Cellular and molecular biology of skeletal muscle	Associate Faculty
<b>Kathy Poploski, PT, DPT</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Sports Medicine Research Institute	Physical therapy	Associate Faculty
<b>Deborah Reed, MSPH, PhD, RN, FAAOHN, FAAN</b>	College of Nursing	Nursing and occupational health and safety	Associate Faculty

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<b>Scott Royer, MS, HFS</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Sports Medicine Research Institute	Exercise science and performance	Associate Faculty
<b>Wayne Sanderson, PhD, MS</b>	College of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology (Chair)	Epidemiology and occupational health and safety	Associate Faculty
<b>Robert Shapiro, PhD, FACSM</b>	College of Education, Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion	Biomechanics	Associate Faculty
<b>D. Travis Thomas, PhD, RD, CSSD</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Clinical Sciences, Division of Clinical Nutrition	Nutritional interventions in patient and athletic populations	Associate Faculty
<b>Timothy Uhl, PhD, ATC, PT, FNATA</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Musculoskeletal Laboratory (Director)	Clinical assessment and interventions	Associate Faculty
<b>Kelly Webber, PhD, MPH, RD, LD</b>	College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition	Nutrition	Associate Faculty
<b>Joshua Winters, PhD, CSCS</b>	College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Athletic Training, Sports Medicine Research Institute	Biomechanics and exercise science	Associate Faculty

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March 25, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

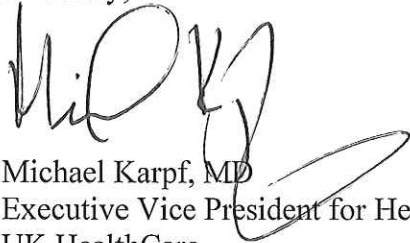
This letter is to demonstrate institutional support in creating the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI), an endorsed collaboration between UK HealthCare, UK Department of Athletics, the College of Medicine, and the College of Health Sciences. Having gained national and international recognition for your study of sports medicine and orthopaedic research at the Neuromuscular Research Laboratory and Warrior Human Performance Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh, I am confident the vision and operations of the SMRI will garner such acknowledgement for the University of Kentucky.

The University of Kentucky has demonstrated significant independent strengths in basic and applied research, clinical programming, and education, across multiple Colleges, research centers/laboratories, clinical practices, and academic programs. By leveraging the faculty expertise of its researchers and clinicians, facilities, and resources, the SMRI is positioned to become a global leader in sports medicine and orthopaedic research.

The research conducted by the SMRI will have far reaching implications. This research will impact commonwealth constituents, high school and university athletes, tactical athletes, and those suffering from musculoskeletal injuries consistent with UK HealthCare clinical service lines.

In my capacity as the Executive Vice President of Health Affairs of UK HealthCare, I strongly endorse the creation of the SMRI and will provide the support necessary to ensure its growth to meet its stated objectives.

Sincerely,



Michael Karpf, MD  
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs  
UK HealthCare

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March 30, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

As Vice President for Research at the University of Kentucky, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our University. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. The establishment of the SMRI will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities.

It is without reservation that I support its creation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lisa Cassis'.

Lisa Cassis, PhD  
Vice President for Research  
Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences  
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Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
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Endowed Chair of Orthopaedic Research  
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Dear Dr. Lephart,

As Dean of the College of Public Health, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our College. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI and this will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities. Additionally, I support my faculty to participate in sponsored research.

Sincerely,

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Donna K. Arnett, Ph.D.  
Dean  
College of Public Health





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March 25, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

As Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with research ongoing within our College. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI and this will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities. I support my faculty to participate in sponsored research.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cox, Ph.D.

Dean

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment



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April 13, 2016

Scott Lephart, PhD  
Dean, College of Health Sciences  
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Dear Dr. Lephart:

As Dean of the College of Medicine, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our College. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI and this will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities. I support my faculty to participate in sponsored research.

Sincerely,

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Robert S. DiPaola, MD  
Dean, College of Medicine  
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March 28, 2016

Scott Lephart PhD  
Dean, College of Health Sciences  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40536

Dr. Lephart:

As Dean of the College of Nursing, it is with great enthusiasm to strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our College. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI and this will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities. I support my faculty to participate in sponsored research.

Sincerely,

Janie Heath PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN  
Dean, College of Nursing  
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March 30, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Lephart:

The College of Education and its Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion (KHP) enthusiastically supports the creation of the University of Kentucky Sports Medicine Research Institute. As you know, our KHP Department (formerly Physical Education) was the home of Dr. Ernst Jokl, a founder of the American College of Sports Medicine, the largest Sports Medicine organization in the world, and an international leader in the field of Sports Medicine. Alumni Gym housed his laboratory, where he conducted ground breaking sports medicine research, until his retirement in 1976. For the past 30 years, faculty from KHP, Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering conducted sports medicine related research in the collaborative Biodynamics Laboratory, which recently moved from Wenner Gren Laboratory to a newly remodeled facility in MDS. This new facility, supporting faculty from KHP, Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, has been renamed the Human Performance Laboratories and is co-directed by Charlotte Peterson (Health Sciences) and Robert Shapiro (KHP). The institute you have proposed continues this long history of involvement in sports medicine research by the College of Education and KHP. The proposal describes an exciting collaborative institute that will build on the already strong relationships that exist in this area between KHP and Health Sciences. We see excellent potential for both faculty and students to become involved in state of the art research that will incorporate our existing outstanding laboratory capabilities with this new laboratory facility. We look forward to the development of this institute and the opportunities it will provide the university community as we continue in Dr. Jokl's tradition as world leaders in the field of sports medicine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary John O'Hair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary John O'Hair  
Dean and Professor



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March 25, 2016

Dr. Scott Lephart  
Dean, College of Health Science  
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Dear Dr. Lephart:

As Dean of the College of Engineering, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with research ongoing within our College. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI and establishing this institute will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities. I will support my faculty to participate in sponsored research.

Sincerely,

John Walz, Ph.D.  
Dean  
College of Engineering

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To: Dean Lephart

From: Dr. Sandra Bastin, Chair

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Date: April 7, 2016

Re: Sports Medicine Research Institute Endorsement

Since nutrition is an integral part of the mission of the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI), the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition (DHN) endorses its establishment at the University of Kentucky. DHN faculty look forward to collaborating in the translational research SMRI will afford.

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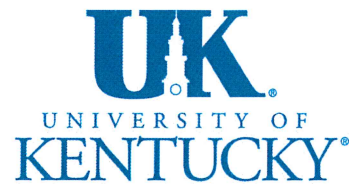
Dr. Lephart:

As Chair of the Health Management and Policy department, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

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Tyrone F. Borders, PhD  
Chair  
Department of Health Management and Policy



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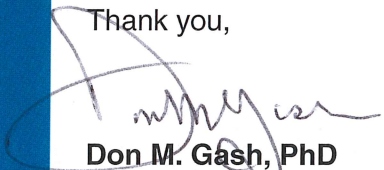
Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
College of Health Sciences  
Endowed Chair of Orthopaedic Research  
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Dr. Lephart:

As Chair of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty, namely Dr. James Geddes, collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,



**Don M. Gash, PhD**  
*Alumni Endowed Chair  
Professor and Chair*

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College of Medicine  
Department of Neurology

March 31, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
College of Health Sciences  
Endowed Chair of Orthopedic Research

Dear Dr. Lephart:

As Chairman of the Department of Neurology, I am happy to endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI).

One focus of the SMRI will be sports-related concussive head injury, a problem that aligns with both clinical work and ongoing research within our department. The SMRI will enhance the development of a framework to build collaborations between our programs, a goal I fully encourage.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to help develop meaningful, extramural sponsored translational research aimed at improving the cognitive and neurobehavioral outcomes of patients with traumatic brain injury. I am pleased to support Dr. Han's work with your group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Larry Goldstein MD'.

Larry B. Goldstein. MD, FAAN, FANA, FAHA  
Ruth L. Works Professor and Chairman  
Co-Director, Kentucky Neuroscience Institute



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April 11, 2016

Dr. Scott N. Lephart  
Dean and Professor  
College of Health Science  
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Dear Dean Lephart,

As Chair of the Department of Veterinary Science and Director of the Gluck Equine Research Center, I strongly support the establishment of the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI closely aligns with the ongoing research of Dr. James MacLeod and other laboratories within this department. As such, SMRI would provide a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopedic research at this university. I am happy to support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research. I am particularly excited about the potential benefits that may also be realized by the performance equine industries in this state and globally..

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance,

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Dr David W. Horohov  
Chair, Department of Veterinary Science  
Director, Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center  
Jes E. and Clementine M. Schlaikjer Endowed Chair & Professor



March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

As Chair of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ben Johnson'.

Ben Johnson EdD  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion

March 25, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences  
123 Charles T. Wethington, Jr., Building

Dr. Lephart:

As Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating on sponsored research with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI.

I am privileged to be the Co-Medical Director of the SMRI and a member of its advisory board. In these positions, I will ensure continued collaborations with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine as the SMRI will only strengthen our opportunities for applied and translational sponsored research.

I support my faculty to participate in research activities that will foster significant growth in sponsored research in sports medicine and orthopaedics.

Sincerely,



Darren L. Johnson, MD  
Chairman  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine  
University of Kentucky School of Medicine

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March 25, 2016

Scott Lephart, PhD  
Dean, College of Health Sciences

Dear Dr. Lephart:

As Chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) as described in the proposal this letter accompanies. The mission of the SMRI aligns closely with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our College; particularly within my Department, which includes Athletic Training, Physical Therapy and the interprofessional Rehabilitation Sciences PhD program, in addition to Communication Sciences and Disorders. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research which will benefit our faculty and our students at all levels. I am confident that the establishment of the SMRI will strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Given its close alignment with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and the proposed activities. It is an exciting opportunity for catalyzing critically important interprofessional work that will contribute to achieving the UK mission of “improving people’s lives through excellence in education, research and creative work, service and health care.”

Sincerely,

Janice Kuperstein, PhD  
Chair Department of Rehabilitation Sciences  
Associate Dean for Clinical Engagement



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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

As Associate Dean for Graduate Faculty Affairs, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

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Terry A. Lennie, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Faculty Affairs  
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March 31, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences  
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Dr. Lephart:

As Chairperson of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for physical medicine and rehabilitation, sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,



Susan McDowell, MD  
Janet Galloway Carter Endowed Chairperson  
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April 7, 2016

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Scott M. Lephart, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dean Lephart,

As Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

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David J. Moliterno, MD  
Jack M. Gill Professor and Chairman  
Department of Internal Medicine





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March 30, 2016

Dr. Lephart,

As Interim Chair of the College of Health Sciences, Department of Clinical Science, I am pleased to strongly support the establishment of the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the University's and College's goals. It will support the clinical practice and ongoing research program of the College. The SMRI will provide a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research. Establishing the SMRI will only strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Thank you for all the work you have done to bring the SMRI to this point.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis J. New".

Interim Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences  
College of Health Sciences  
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April 1, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor  
College of Health Sciences  
Endowed Chair of Orthopaedic Research

Dear Dr. Lephart:

I am happy to endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) at the University of Kentucky. The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research of some faculty within our department. The SMRI will provide a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support faculty from the Department of Biomedical Engineering to collaborate with the SMRI in order to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

*A.R. Patwardhan*

Abhijit Patwardhan  
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April 5, 2016

Scott Lephart, PhD  
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Dr. Lephart:

As Chair of the Department of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research and training within our department. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I sure many of our faculty will be eager to collaborate with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

In particular my interests and the interests of my students overlap greatly with the mission of this Institute. I foresee many areas for future collaboration.

Sincerely,



Wayne T. Sanderson, PhD, CIH  
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Department of Epidemiology  
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April 15, 2016

Dr. Scott Lephart  
Dean, College of Health Sciences  
University of Kentucky

Dear Dr. Lephart:

As Director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our Center. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Linda J. Van Eldik'.

Linda J. Van Eldik, PhD  
Director, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Center  
Co-Director, Kentucky Neuroscience Institute  
Dr. E. Vernon Smith and Eloise C. Smith Alzheimer's Research Endowed Chair  
Professor, Dept Anatomy and Neurobiology  
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**James W. Geddes, Ph.D.**  
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March 31, 2016

Scott Lephart, PhD  
Dean, College of Health Sciences  
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Dear Dr. Lephart:

As Director of the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center, I fully and enthusiastically endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the ongoing research within our center. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for sports medicine and orthopaedic research. I support my faculty collaborating with the SMRI to grow meaningful sponsored translational research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jim Geddes'.

James W. Geddes, PhD  
Associate Dean for Research, College of Medicine  
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**Scott D. Mair, M.D.**  
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**Kimberly Lock, M.D.**  
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March 25, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this letter of support for the creation of the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). As the Vice Chairman of Orthopaedic Research and Director of the Center for Cartilage Repair and Restoration within Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I see significant opportunity for collaboration, at both the personal level and for our department as a whole.

I am currently collaborating with several of your faculty on various current and pending sponsored projects. I believe the SMRI will be a strong conduit to continue these collaborations and develop future research questions/projects in line with the missions of the SMRI and our department. As an associate faculty of the SMRI and a member of its advisory board, I will ensure continued collaborations between the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine with opportunities for basic, applied, and clinical research.

The SMRI will be a valuable resource to the growth of sponsored research within Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. It is without reservation that I support its creation.

Sincerely,



**Christian Lattermann, MD**  
Vice Chairman, Orthopaedic Research  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine  
Director - Center for Cartilage Repair and Restoration





UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Charlotte A. Peterson, Ph.D.  
Joseph Hamburg Endowed  
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Associate Dean for Research

March 25, 2016

Scott Lephart, Dean  
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Dear Scott,


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As Associate Dean for Research, I strongly endorse establishing the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The mission of the SMRI is closely aligned with the clinical practice and research ongoing within our College, and I am honored to serve as an Associate Faculty member in the Institute. The SMRI provides a unique and comprehensive environment for applied and translational research, and nicely compliments the basic research activities of the UK Center for Muscle Biology. The establishment of the SMRI will significantly strengthen affiliated faculty's competitiveness for extramural research funding.

Being closely aligned in name with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, I agree with the naming of the SMRI and proposed activities.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this important and exciting undertaking.

Sincerely,


  
Charlotte Peterson, PhD  
Professor  
Associate Dean for Research



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MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Kentucky Senate

FROM: Sharon Stewart   
CHS Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs

RE: Request for approval of the Sports Medicine Research Institute in the College of Health Sciences

DATE: March 28, 2016

At the suggestion of the Senate Council Office, I have reviewed the proposal for establishing the new Sports Medicine Research Institute within the College of Health Sciences. Specifically, I was asked to indicate whether there is likely to be any negative impact of the Institute on the College's academic programs. Upon review, I can identify no adverse impact on CHS programs; in fact, the Institute is likely to enhance educational, research, and clinical opportunities for our programs and for others at the University.





MEMORANDUM

TO: UK Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC)

FROM: Dr. Lynne Rieske-Kinney, Chair *LR-K*  
CAFE Faculty Council (FC)

DATE: April 14, 2016

RE: CAFE Faculty Council Vote on  
The Kentucky Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI)

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Faculty Council has reviewed the proposal for establishing the new Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) with the College of Health Sciences. Some of our faculty members are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI. We support this Institute and believe it will help strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

The 10-member College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Faculty Council voted as follows:

Yes, support the creation of this center	7
No, do not support the creation of this center	2

One member of the FC has abstained, due to not being available at this time.

Thank you.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Kentucky Senate

FROM: Margaret J. Mohr-Schroeder  
Faculty Council Chair – College of Education

Re: Faculty Council Endorsement of the Sports Medicine Research Institute  
(SMRI)

Date: 4/6/2016

The College of Education Faculty Council reviewed the proposal for establishing the new Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) with the College of Health Sciences at our monthly meeting on April 4, 2016. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI. We unanimously voted fully support this Institute and believe it will help strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.



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April 11, 2016

Dr. Andrew Hippisley  
Chair, University Senate Council  
University of Kentucky  
Campus

Dear Dr. Hippisley:

Seven of the eight members of the College of Engineering Faculty Advisory Council have voted in favor of the proposal to establish a Sports Medicine Research Institute. The eighth member was unavailable.

On behalf of the Council,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hans Gesund". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Hans Gesund  
Council Chair

cc: Dean Walz



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MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Kentucky Senate

FROM: Jane Kleinert  
CHS Faculty Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Kleinert', is placed over the 'FROM' line of the memorandum.

Re: CHS Faculty Vote on the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI)

Date: 3/29/2016

The College of Health Sciences Faculty Council conducted an electronic survey and vote of the CHS faculty regarding support for the SMRI proposal. The response period for that review and vote ended at 5:00 yesterday, 3/28/2016.

The results of that electronic survey vote are as follows: 42 votes in support of the proposal and 1 abstention. Response rate was 67% (43/67). Responses were nearly unanimous in support of the proposal.



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Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
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April 14, 2016

Dear Dr. Lephart,

The Faculty Council has reviewed the proposal to establish a Sports Medicine Research Institute and offer our full support. The SMRI will help bring together expertise and resources from across campus and the College of Medicine should play an integral role in its implementation. We look forward to working with you on this unique and important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Kilgore".

Michael Kilgore, PhD  
College of Medicine Faculty Council, Chair  
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April 5, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Kentucky Senate

FROM: Dr. Kristin Ashford  
Faculty Council Chair- College of Nursing

RE: Faculty Council Endorsement of the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI)

The College of Nursing Faculty Council has reviewed the proposal for establishing the new Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) with the College of Health Sciences. Many of our faculty are currently collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI. We fully support this Institute and believe it will help strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

We look forward to this opportunity for multidisciplinary collaboration in this important work.

*Kristin Ashford*

Kristin Ashford, PhD, WHNP, FAAN  
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: University of Kentucky Senate

FROM: Martha C. Riddell, DrPH  
Chair, Faculty Council

SUBJECT: Endorsement of the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI)

DATE: April 22, 2016

The College of Public Health Faculty Council has reviewed the proposal for establishing the new Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) with the College of Health Sciences.

We do have faculty who will be collaborating with the College of Health Sciences and the faculty of the SMRI. We fully support this Institute and believe it will help strengthen our competitiveness for sponsored research opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional comments.



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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark G. Abel".

Mark G. Abel, Ph.D., CSCS\*D, TSAC-F\*D, USAW  
College of Education  
Department of Kinesiology & Health Promotion





April 7, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
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Re: Support for creation of SMRI

Dear Dr. Lephart,

It is with extreme pleasure and enthusiastic support that I write this letter to endorse the creation of the UK Sports Medicine Research Institute. In a recent meeting with you and your team, we recognized important points of collaboration that would mutually benefit our research efforts. In addition, these collaborative efforts in studying concussion/mild TBI answer the fourth focus of "neurocognition" established by SMRI.

I also accept your kind invitation to become non-core associate faculty of SMRI. This denomination will surely help strengthen our collaborative efforts. I look forward to the establishment of the SMRI and am very eager to begin our collaborations.

Please contact me if there is any information I can add.

Sincerely,

Jose F. Abisambra, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor



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April 04, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

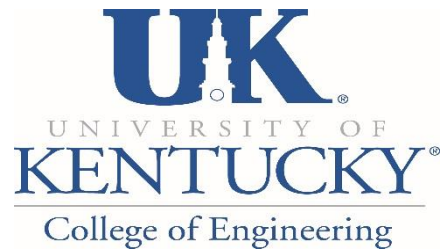
It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as core associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) and strongly endorse the creation of SMRI. Having collaborated with you for the last 15 years I see significant opportunity to develop relationships with faculty of the represented Colleges. I believe the SMRI will have an immediate impact on the competitiveness of current and future sponsored projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions. I look forward to the work of the SMRI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Abt'.

John P. Abt, PhD, ATC  
College of Health Sciences  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely yours,

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Babak Bazrgari  
Department of Biomedical Engineering  
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April 04, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as core associate to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) and strongly endorse the creation SMRI. Having collaborated with you for the last 5 years I see significant opportunity to develop relationships with faculty of the represented Colleges. I believe the SMRI will have an immediate impact on the competitiveness of current and future sponsored projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions. I look forward to the work of the SMRI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meaghan Beck' followed by a stylized flourish.

Meaghan Beck, MPA  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty and my participation to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation of the SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have at (859) 218-0857 or [wsblac0@uky.edu](mailto:wsblac0@uky.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Scott Black".

W. Scott Black, MD  
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March 31, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
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Re: Sports Medicine Research Institute invitation

Dear Dean Lephart,

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) as an associate faculty member. I strongly endorse the creation SMRI, and enthusiastically accept your invitation! I see significant opportunities for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Timothy Butterfield'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Timothy Butterfield PhD ATC FACSM  
College of Health Sciences  
Departments of Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiology

March 31, 2016

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Dear Dr. Lephart,

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. In a recent collaboration with you in the submitted grant, entitled "Orthopaedic Care and Rehabilitation Consortium Award", I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects. In SMRI, I will provide my expertise in systems engineering, health communication, information technologies, and human factors to support the mission of SMRI in improving the health and wellness of the citizens in the Commonwealth across the age and physical activity spectrums.

Thank you again for the opportunity to support you in the founding of SMRI. I look forward to working with you in this effort.

Sincerely,



Ming-Yuan Chih, PhD, MHA  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI and believe it will greatly enhance the available current and future resources and collaborative opportunities for both faculty and students at the University of Kentucky. I commend you on your efforts to develop and look forward contributing to the success of the SMRI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jody L. Clasey".

Jody L. Clasey, PhD, FACSM

Professor

Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion

College of Education

Director: UK Pediatric Exercise Physiology Laboratory

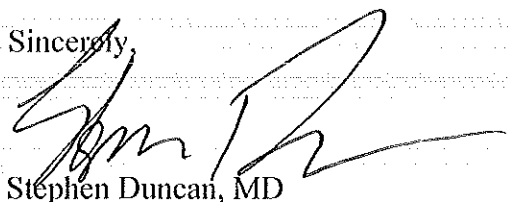
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,



Stephen Duncan, MD

Assistant Professor

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Department of Orthopaedics

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April 1, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). I also strongly endorse the establishment of the SMRI. I see significant opportunities for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects with my line of research and that of the SMRI.

Please feel free to contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'E. Dupont-Versteegden'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'E' at the beginning.

Esther E. Dupont-Versteegden, Ph.D.  
Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences  
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**James W. Geddes, Ph.D.**  
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Scott Lephart, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Lephart:

I am delighted and honored to accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). I enthusiastically endorse the creation SMRI and look forward to collaborating on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Geddes".

James W. Geddes, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Research, College of Medicine  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation of the SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Gribble". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Phillip Gribble, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dong (Dan) Y. Han". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dong (Dan) Y. Han, PsyD  
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April 04, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as core faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) and would like to provide my endorsement for the creation of the SMRI. As a former doctoral student of yours and a history of collaboration I see significant opportunity to grow current research initiatives and foster new relationships, collaborations, and innovations. I firmly believe that the SMRI will have a profound positive impact on the research image of the University and its competitiveness of current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas R. Heebner'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'N' and 'H'.

Nicholas R. Heebner, PhD, ATC  
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March 31, 2016

c/o [meredith.lovelace@uky.edu](mailto:meredith.lovelace@uky.edu)

re: Sports Medicine Research Institute

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,



Robert Hosey, MD  
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College of Medicine  
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University of Kentucky

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April 4, 2016

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Re: Sports Medicine Research Institute

Dear Dr. Lephart:

I accept your invitation as associate faculty of the Sports Medicine Research Institute. I look forward to making contributions and being very involved in the SMRI. As an orthopaedic surgeon interested in research, I see the Sports Medicine Research Institute as a necessity to do collaborative research. I strongly support the creation of the SMRI and look forward to serving as associate faculty.

Sincerely yours,



Mary L. Ireland, M.D.  
Associate Professor  
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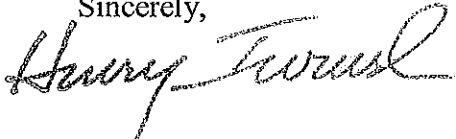
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March 31, 2016

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Sincerely,

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Henry J. Iwinski, MD  
College of Medicine  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**

April 6, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,



Cale A. Jacobs, PhD, ATC  
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Dr. Lephart,

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). I look forward to helping you complete your vision and truly believe in the value that this institute will bring to our community. In addition, I believe that all collaborative faculty will provide more than adequate resources to complete this vision. I know that my clinical and research experience will add value, and I look forward to establishing future collaborations with every team member. In this letter, I further verify sufficient support and resources to collaborate with you on this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan F. Johnson'.

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April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. As a faculty member in the Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral program as well as the Director of the Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network (KARRN), I see significant opportunity for collaboration between SMRI and the KARRN, on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Kitzman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Patrick Kitzman PhD, MSPT  
Associate Professor  
Director of the Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network  
Department of Rehabilitation Sciences  
University of Kentucky



April 5, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
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Dear Dean Lephart,

I welcome your invitation to participate as an associate faculty member in the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). There is substantial opportunity for collaboration and synergy between SMRI and the new Equine Sports Science Initiative in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Horses are frequently asked to perform in elite athletic disciplines, with Thoroughbred racing being a primary example. Horses and the equine industry hold a strong historical, social, and economic position in Kentucky, indeed representing a defining symbol of our state that is recognized and appreciated on both a national and international level.

Equine athletes are challenged by many of the same sports medicine variables experienced by human athletes. As I know you well appreciate, this provides our two programs (and by extension the University of Kentucky) with important research and teaching opportunities based on comparative biology across two large patient populations. Equine Programs within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has grown rapidly over its 10 year history to include a large and nationally prominent undergraduate teaching program that now complements our historical strengths in equine research and extension.

There are substantial and exciting potential benefits that will develop from us working together in areas centered on sports medicine. Thank you very much for the opportunity to be an associate faculty member in the SMRI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James N. MacLeod'.

James N. MacLeod, VMD, PhD  
John and Elizabeth Knight Chair  
Professor of Veterinary Science  
Director, Equine Sports Science Initiative

## Sports Medicine

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March 31, 2016

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re: Sports Medicine Research Institute

Dear Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation of SMRI. I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects.

Sincerely,



Scott Mair, M.D.  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl G. Mattacola".

Carl G. Mattacola, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
College of Health Sciences  
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March 31, 2016

Scott M. Lephart, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor  
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Dr. Lephart:

I eagerly accept the invitation to join the University of Kentucky Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) as associate faculty. Moreover, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI as a critically important component of the University of Kentucky's research enterprise. Opportunities for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects are extremely promising, including topics of considerable public health significance and health policy relevance related to injury prevention, occupational health, workforce productivity, aging, national security, and cost-effectiveness.

I look forward to collaborating in this new research institute.

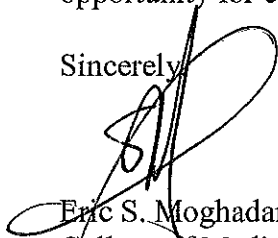
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Department of Health Management and Policy  
University of Kentucky College of Public Health  
Associate Director, Center for Health Services Research,  
University of Kentucky College of Medicine

March 31, 2016

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Sincerely,



Eric S. Moghadamian, MD  
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March 16, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

As Division Chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, I strongly endorse creating the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). The SMRI provides a unique and multidisciplinary faculty whose expertise and research models will directly impact the lives of our patients.

I am currently collaborating with the several of your faculty and will strongly support and encourage continued collaboration. I highly advocate on the establishment of SMRI given its importance to patient care within UK HealthCare. Through my position as Division Chief, I will also work toward building in-roads for the SMRI to be successful within our hospital's setting. As the Division Chief, I support my faculty to participate in sponsored research that is consistent with our negotiated distribution of effort.

I look forward to working with you and will support your efforts in creating the SMRI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter E. Morris".

Peter E. Morris, MD  
Chief  
Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine

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April 1, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). As you know I am deeply committed to advancing the health of athletes of all ages in Kentucky and see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects. I enthusiastically endorse the creation SMRI.

Sincerely,

 Digitally signed by Brian Noehren  
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o=University of Kentucky,  
ou=Division of Physical Therapy,  
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March 31, 2016

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen M. Poploski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kathleen Poploski  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

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Sincerely,

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Deborah B. Reed, MSPH, PhD , RN, FAAOHN, FAAN  
Professor

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott D. Royer".

Scott D. Royer  
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March 31, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation of the SMRI. Given the long history of sports medicine research in my department (KHP) dating back to Dr. Ernst Jokl, a founder of the American College of Sports Medicine, and the over 30 year collaboration of KHP with Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering in the Biodynamics Laboratory (now part of the Human Performance Laboratories) I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects. Congratulations on the establishment of the institute and exciting possibilities it brings to UK.

Sincerely,

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Robert Shapiro, PhD, FASCM  
Professor and Senior Associate Dean  
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Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion  
Director, Biodynamics Laboratory  
Co-Director, Human Performance Laboratories





April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Dr. Lephart,

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) and strongly endorse the creation SMRI. Given my background in clinical and sports nutrition and my service as a board certified specialist in sports dietetics, I am uniquely qualified to be a part of your research team.

I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and future sponsored projects. I have been directly involved in human nutrition and exercise interventions for 10 years and I am excited to help you oversee all nutrition aspects of SMRI projects, including nutrition assessment and intervention.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me at [dth225@uky.edu](mailto:dth225@uky.edu).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Travis Thomas'.

**Travis Thomas, Ph.D., RDN, CSSD, LD**  
Assistant Professor  
Division of Clinical Nutrition  
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Sincerely,

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Tim L Uhl, PhD, ATC, PT, FNATA  
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April 7, 2016

Dr. Lephart:

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation as associate faculty to the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI). In addition, I strongly endorse the creation SMRI. As a faculty member with allocated DOE to conduct sponsored research, I see significant opportunity for collaboration on current and pending sponsored projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kelly H. Webber'.

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Sincerely,

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Joshua Winters, PhD, CSCS  
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