

Dr. Wilborn,

For the past 17 years I have had the privilege of serving as a faculty member at UMHB in the School of Exercise and Sport Science. During that time, I have seen tremendous growth within EXSS and would be honored to be able to serve as dean. As such, I am formally submitting this letter of intent for the Dean of Exercise and Sport Science position.

When I began my career in education 31 years ago, I had no idea where God would one day place me. As I look back, I now recognize that each stop along the way has been part of His intended journey for me and my family. From my early beginnings as a science teacher and coach in the public school system, to an education specialist training teachers, to a faculty member in EXSS and now an Associate Dean, each step has been part of His growth and development process for me.

During my time at UMHB I have served in a variety of capacities. In 2011 I was the co-chair of our first QEP committee that resulted in the formation of the Writing Emphasis program. This involved working with different campus constituents including faculty, staff, and students to formulate an idea that would become the QEP for the campus. During the 2017-2018 academic year, I was elected to serve as President of the UMHB Faculty Council. In this role, I led faculty members from each college/school on campus through various issues that were brought to the council. In 2019, I became Director of the First Year Seminar program. This position involved coordinating and scheduling of faculty members for advising during Cru Camp/New Cru Orientation and the creation of a class schedule for over 40 sections of First Year Seminar as well as budget preparation and curriculum evaluation. Within EXSS, I have also served as the program coordinator for the health sciences program which contains seven academic concentrations for pre-professional students. In 2021 I was blessed with opportunity to be the Associate Dean in the School of Exercise and Sport Science. In this position, I have been involved in the annual observation and evaluation of EXSS faculty, semester schedule creation, the curriculum change process, revision of the departmental advising process, and budget preparation.

My wife and I are members of Brazos Meadows Baptist church in Hewitt, TX. At Brazos Meadows I have served as a Deacon and was ordained as an Elder in 2019. Additionally, I teach an Adult Bible Fellowship class (Sunday School) each Sunday morning. I am also a member of the volunteer security/special greeter team.

The School of Exercise and Sport Science has seen extraordinary growth and development since I arrived on campus in 2009. Should I be selected as Dean, I would welcome the opportunity to continue that growth and development.

Respectfully,

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