**William Russell Nomination Form Statement– 2019 Central District Leadership Council – Part D**

As a professor, I have personally witnessed the positive influence of our HPERD area. When quality programs produce passionate and competent practitioners, this positively influences our diverse discipline. Unfortunately, I also witness areas for improvement, such as lesser quality programs that do not meet quality standards for K-12 programs. We can improve this, both in our direct service to the discipline and through collaborations with colleagues to foster stronger initiatives. I am passionate about developing quality health and physical education programs and strong future practitioners. This is the best way to ensure our field continues to grow and is what drives me to serve. My strengths to bring to the Council are diverse: I have been in higher education within the HPER discipline for over 20 years and have been professionally involved in training and educating future physical educators as a central part of my responsibilities. I have been involved in state organizations in Missouri and Illinois, and have leadership experience from serving on the Missouri AHPERD Executive Committee from 2010-2013 (president-elect, president, past-president roles) and recently served MOAHPERD by helping re-write by-laws and operating codes in 2016. I have also been a SHAPE member (formally AAHPERD) for the last consecutive 13 years. I am organized and my flexible relational style allows me to work well with others as a “team player”. I have also been known as a “details” person – I tend to examine issues from multiple perspectives and offer a variety of solutions using that attention to detail. These are challenging times for SHAPE Districts which calls for strong leadership and fresh perspectives to changing roles and services that Districts provide. As such, I feel my skills would translate into meaningful contributions to the Central District Leadership Council as we continue to be the strongest SHAPE District.