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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Education to terminate the major in Athletic Training (B.S.Ed.) will be an agenda item for the January 24, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: September 1, 2019

School/College: College of Education

Department/Division: Department of Kinesiology

Program (Major and Degree): Athletic Training (B.S.Ed.)

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2021

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Summer 2019

Last date students will graduate from this program: Spring 2021

Note: There may be no enrollment in the program as of the termination effective date.

Program Abstract:

The Bachelor of Science in Education in Athletic Training is a nationally recognized and accredited program in athletic training that prepares candidates to become certificated athletic trainers through extensive clinical experience, lab work, and hands-on classroom learning.

For Deactivated or Terminated Programs:

1. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.

This request to terminate the undergraduate major in Athletic Training (B.S.Ed.) is connected to the development of the Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.). The M.S.A.T. is currently moving through the faculty governance process. The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, which accredits athletic training programs, has mandated that by 2022, all initial practitioners who serve as athletic trainers must graduate from a master's-level program and pass the Board of Certification examination. Therefore, the last candidates who could have entered and graduated with an industry-accessible credential at the bachelor's level began their program in summer 2019.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the deactivation or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the deactivation or termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

The faculty have developed a Master of Science in Athletic Training degree that will replace the undergraduate degree option. All faculty and staff associated with the bachelor's program will now be engaged with the master's program. No staff will be reallocated.

3. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

Faculty have been engaged in the development of the Master of Science in Athletic Training program to meet the accreditation mandate. Because there was no master's-level program within the current offerings

of the department for athletic training, this M.S.A.T. proposal will effectively maintain the same level of access for students, just move that access to the graduate level. The termination of the undergraduate program and move to the graduate level will enhance students' experiences in pursuing athletic training through updated equipment and supplies, additions of curricular focus areas (e.g., neurological and spine conditions) to meet more rigorous national standards, and access to employment.

4. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation of the deactivated program?

There are no plans to reactivate the Athletic Training (B.S.Ed.) program as the Master of Science in Athletic Training program will replace it.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Terminate the Major in Athletic Training (B.S.Ed.)

College: College of Education

Department: Kinesiology

Proposed Effective Term: Summer 2021

Department:

- Kinesiology Department Head, Dr. Janet Buckworth, 9/1/19

School/College:

- College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 10/30/19
- College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 9/1/19