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REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING AND REHABILITATION STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Action Requested: Approve the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Studies in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Description of program. The athletic training and rehabilitation studies major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. It is designed to prepare students to become healthcare professionals. The curriculum prepares students for entry into professional healthcare programs. The curriculum is based upon cognitive and psychomotor learning experiences.

Reason for proposed closure. Due to the merger between athletic training (AT) and kinesiology departments, this BA is being terminated and a pre-athletic training emphasis is being added to the major in kinesiology. This creates efficiency and is appropriate because the practice of athletic training now requires graduate certification.

Effect on current students. All AT courses that are part of the BA will be offered to students for a minimum of at least a year after program termination. The current BA requires 25 credits of AT specific content. Sixteen of these 25 required AT credits are part of the new proposed emphasis and will continue to be offered for years to come. Students in early stages of program completion will be offered the option to transfer into the kinesiology – pre-AT emphasis. The department will keep offering the nine credits (three courses) not included in the proposed pre-AT emphasis, or appropriate substitutions as needed.

Enrollment Trends.

	Enrollment
2022	86
2021	90
2020	95
2019	95
2018	101

Impact on resources. The department does not expect notable changes in costs with the termination of the program. AT staff will cover classes of the growing graduate AT program. Faculty will be redirected to cover courses in the proposed undergraduate program in kinesiology.

Impact on workforce. There is no anticipated impact on the workforce as the kinesiology program will provide preparation for the graduate-level athletic training program necessary for licensure and jobs in this area.

Alternative programs. The kinesiology program at UNI is comparable to kinesiology program at Iowa State University.

Effective date of closure. Upon approval by the Board of Regents.