



To: Carolyn Kelly, Senior Associate Dean of Academic Programs

From: Gary Diffie, Chair Dept. of Kinesiology

Date: March 22, 2018

Re: Proposal to Suspend Admission to the Athletic Training BS Program

Purpose of this memo:

The Department of Kinesiology is requesting suspension of admission to the Athletic Training (BSAT) program effective May of 2019 and for this proposal to be addressed by the School of Education's Academic Planning Council at its next available meeting. This request has been approved at the Kinesiology Department and Executive Committee level.

Rationale for this proposal:

The Department of Kinesiology is proposing suspension of the BSAT due to:

- *Upcoming changes in the accreditation standards for AT programs.*
The Athletic Training program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The CAATE in conjunction with the Board of Certification and National Athletic Trainers Association of deemed that all professional preparation programs in athletic training must be delivered at the Master's degree level. Programs will no longer be able to enroll students into BS programs by fall of 2022.
- *Suspending the program allows for an orderly teach out plan and implementation for the new Master's degree program.*
The AT program plans to admit two additional cohorts of students into the program during the 2018 and 2019 admission cycles. Students typically apply to the program during their sophomore year with a Feb 1st application deadline. Students are notified of acceptance in the spring and begin the 4-semester professional sequence the following fall. Under this plan our final BSAT class would graduate in the spring of 2021. Our goal is to put the new MS degree program in place with our first cohort of students enrolling in summer of 2021.

Impact of this change:

- This change impacts prospective students who may have indicated an interest in the BSAT program. Under the proposed plan incoming freshman are not likely to meet the requirements to apply to the AT program by February 1, 2019. The AT program will work with the School of Education Academic Services office to communicate with prospective students regarding this change.



- The program has no students who have “stopped-out” of the program with the intent to return. Our program tracks all students and we have retained and graduated all students in our most recent classes.
- The AT program does maintain a scholarship account with the UW-Foundation. All donations have been made to support students in the AT program and will continue to be awarded when the program is elevated to the MS level.
- Suspension of the program will have no adverse effect on other academic units or program stakeholders provided the AT program is successful in the development and implementation of a new MS degree program.
- The Department of Kinesiology Executive Committee voted unanimously to move forward with the BSAT suspension in conjunction with planning for the new MS degree.

Timeline for reporting on status of the AT program:

- **Spring 2018**
 - Suspension of AT Program memo submitted (February)
- **Spring 2019**
 - Admit final BSAT class for fall 2019 program start
- **Spring 2021**
 - Graduate final fall 2019 class at BSAT – complete teach out of BSAT Program