

M e m o r a n d u m

To: University Senate
From: Maria Pruchnicki, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Establish a Master of Athletic Training Degree Program
Date: October 20, 2021

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING DEGREE PROGRAM, SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Whereas based on new accreditation expectations the current Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training program needs to be replaced with a Master of Athletic Training program; and

Whereas this entry-level professional athletic training program is designed for students who have earned a bachelor's degree and who are seeking enrollment in a graduate professional health program that includes athletic training; and

Whereas the 64 hour program will have 25 students per cohort enrolled full-time, and will extend over six semesters across two academic years; and it will include in-person coursework, laboratory activities, supervised clinical practice experiences, and a non-thesis capstone project; and

Whereas a staged transition plan has been developed for the movement from one degree level program to another; and

Whereas the proposal has the support of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and the College of Medicine; and

Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Graduate School, and then the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on September 15, 2021, and was presented for discussion with the Faculty Council on October 7, 2021; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Master of Athletic Training degree program and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.