

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – F**

**DATE: March 30 – April 1, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – SDSU & USD**

South Dakota State University is asking that the following degree programs be moved to inactive status and/or terminated.

- **Athletic Training (B.S.) – Terminate**  
*The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), which accredits educational programs in Athletic Training, along with the Board of Certification and the National Athletic Trainers' Association, have now established the professional degree in Athletic Training at the master's level. Currently, SDSU already offers an entry-level master's degree in Athletic Training. Therefore, a 5-year phase-out of the B.S. in Athletic Training starting Fall 2015, with a date of June 30, 2017 as the final date to be accepted into the professional phase of the Athletic Training major, and a program termination date of July 1, 2020, meets the needs of all currently-enrolled athletic training majors at SDSU.*

The University of South Dakota is asking that the following degree programs be moved to inactive status and/or terminated.

- **Liberal Studies (B.L.S.) – Terminate**  
*From 2010 to 2014, seven students completed this program; No students are currently enrolled.*

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I move to approve the requests to terminate the B.S. in Athletic Training (SDSU); and the Liberal Studies: B.L.S (USD) programs.

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**PROGRAM PLACEMENT ON INACTIVE STATUS OR TERMINATION**

**INSTITUTION:** South Dakota State University

**PROGRAM TITLE:** Athletic Training (B.S.)

**Proposed Date of Termination:** July 1, 2020

**Last Date of Actively Enrolled Students:** June 30, 2020

**LEVEL:** Bachelor's Degree

**CATEGORY:** Major

**2. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

**A: Justification:**

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), which accredits educational programs in Athletic Training, along with the Board of Certification and the National Athletic Trainers' Association, have now established the professional degree in Athletic Training at the master's level. Institutions which currently offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training have a period of 7 years to phase out this degree and transition to master's degrees if they so choose. Currently, SDSU already offers an entry-level master's degree in Athletic Training. Therefore, a 5-year phase-out of the B.S. in Athletic Training starting Fall 2015, with a date of June 30, 2017 as the final date to be accepted into the professional phase of the Athletic Training major, and a program termination date of July 1, 2020, meets the needs of all currently-enrolled athletic training majors at SDSU. Further, a 5-year phase-out plan also serves as a competitive advantage over other institutions in attracting new cohorts of master's-only students.

**B. Plan for completion of program by current students:**

The B.S. in Athletic Training is a 4 year degree program with a secondary admissions process that students must complete during their sophomore year. Students who are accepted into the Athletic Training program through this secondary process (a new cohort of 20 students is accepted each year) complete the two-year professional phase of the Athletic Training program during their Junior and Senior years. New freshmen who started at SDSU during the fall 2015 semester will be the final group of students who are eligible to graduate with a B.S. in Athletic Training. The final date for current freshmen at SDSU to complete the secondary admissions process and gain acceptance into the professional phase of the Athletic Training program will be June 30, 2017. All students within the professional phase of the Athletic Training program will need to have all degree requirements completed by the program termination date of June 30, 2020.

- C. Academic year and term by which currently enrolled students must complete the program: June 30, 2020
- D. Academic year and term program termination status begins: May 9, 2016  
(Program status in the database will be *Phasing Out*.)
- E. Academic year and term program terminated: July 1, 2020  
(Program status in the database will be changed to *Deleted*.)
- F. Potential cost savings and uses of savings:  
Termination of the B.S. in Athletic Training will save SDSU \$3250.00 in annual accreditation fees. Currently SDSU pays separate annual accreditation fees for both the B.S. and M.S. programs. In addition, a termination date of summer 2020 will also save SDSU \$5,000.00 in self-study and site visit fees associated with the next continuing accreditation site visit slated for academic year 2020-21.
- Cost savings from termination of the B.S. in Athletic Training will be directed toward on-going support of undergraduate and graduate programs in the Department of Health and Nutritional Sciences including the current M.S. in Athletic Training.
- G. Resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs:  
The faculty members who teach in the B.S. in Athletic Training also teach in the M.S. in Athletic Training program, therefore, there will be no employee terminations resulting from this transition. Other programs most likely to be affected by the termination of the B.S. in Athletic Training will include the Health Education program and the Exercise Science program, both of which are housed in the same department as Athletic Training (Health and Nutritional Sciences). Both of these programs will likely see a positive increase in their undergraduate student enrollment as they 1) provide a complementary health perspective that will benefit students who wish to continue graduate work toward a professional degree in Athletic Training, and 2) currently require coursework that largely includes pre-requisites necessary for admittance into the M.S. in Athletic Training.

Laurie Stenberg Nichols  
Institutional Authorization (President)

12/14/15  
Date

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**PROGRAM PLACEMENT ON INACTIVE STATUS OR TERMINATION**

**INSTITUTION:** University of South Dakota

**PROGRAM TITLE:** Liberal Studies: B.L.S.

**Proposed Date of Termination:** Summer 2016

**LEVEL:**

<u>          </u> Certificate	<u>          </u> Masters Degree
<u>          </u> Associate Degree	<u>          </u> Doctoral Degree
<u>  X  </u> Bachelors Degree	<u>          </u>

**CATEGORY:**

<u>          </u> Minor	<u>  X  </u> Major
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**3. TERMINATION WITHOUT ENROLLED STUDENTS**

A. Justification:

From 2010 to 2014, seven students completed this program; No students are currently enrolled.

B. Academic year and term program termination is effective: Fall 2016

(Program status in the database will be changed to *Deleted*.)

C. Potential cost savings and uses of savings:

N/A

D. Resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs:

N/A

*James W. Abbott*

2/10/16

Institutional Authorization (President)

Date