

Board Meeting
March 15, 2017

ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in September of 2016. Also in September of 2016, the accrediting body for Athletic Training programs, the *Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)*, changed its policy to no longer accredit baccalaureate programs and only accredit athletic training programs at the master's level. Although CAATE will accredit baccalaureate programs through the Fall term of 2022, new programs will be considered for initial accreditation only if a four-year class of students could complete the program prior to the Spring of 2020, which is not possible for this new program.

Because the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training program cannot be given initial accreditation due to the timing issue, the program will be eliminated. A master's level degree proposal in Athletic Training is actively being developed to replace the current baccalaureate program.

Because the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training has not been implemented, has not been added to the catalog, has not been advertised, and no students are currently enrolled in the program, the elimination of the program will have minimal impact on students.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.