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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Master of Science in Athletic Training. The Council of Provosts and the Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Background:

Reason for proposed termination. The Division of Athletic Training currently offers an undergraduate degree in Athletic Training (B.A), Professional Masters of Athletic Training (M.ATR), and Post-Professional Masters of Athletic Training (MS). The MS is a post-professional degree with graduate assistantships (GA). Recently, the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Directors and the Commissioners of the CAATE, the accreditation body, established the professional degree in athletic training at the master's level for all programs. The current graduate assistant model will no longer be viable. The current B.A will transition to the professional master's degree in 2018, which creates the need for the program to alter its offerings. Due to the newly established accreditation requirements we need to discontinue the Post-professional master's while transitioning our current undergraduate degree to a professional master's degree program.

Effect on current students. There are currently seven students enrolled in the Post-professional master's program and the intent is to keep the program open for them, with no new admissions, until they complete their requirements. They will complete the requirements for their degree in May 2018. With Board of Regents approval, the program will be terminated at that time.

Impact on resources. The effect on costs will be negligible as the new professional masters of Athletic Training (M.ATR) will begin in the summer of 2018. The first M.ATR cohort is expected to supersede in class size the degree being requested for termination. Resources saved through this termination will be reallocated to the M.ATR.

Impact on workforce. Workforce needs should not be affected. The needs will be filled by the new M.ATR program being implemented in 2018.