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**REQUEST FOR PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:  
FROM ATHLETIC TRAINING TO ATHLETIC TRAINING AND REHABILITATION STUDIES**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Athletic Training Program to the Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Studies Program in the College of Education.

The Council of Provosts and the Board office recommend approval of this request.

**Background:**

Reason for requested change. The profession is currently changing the degree route for entry into the profession from a baccalaureate degree in Athletic Training to a Master's in Athletic Training. To prevent any confusion for future undergraduate students interested in becoming a professionally certified athletic trainer, UNI requests approval to change the name of the major from Athletic Training to Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Studies. It will be important to explain that students who complete this major that they will not yet be certified as an athletic trainer; they will have to complete the Masters of Athletic Training (M.ATR). The Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training & Rehabilitation Studies will be an undergraduate option for students who are interested in becoming an athletic trainer after they complete the M.ATR.

Consistency with accreditation requirements. When the profession changes to the M.ATR. standard for entry, this undergraduate degree will no longer be an accredited Athletic Training program leading to certification as an athletic trainer.

Effect on program configuration. Faculty appointments will remain the same. The core curriculum will be reduced from 56-58 credits to 54 credits. In addition, the curriculum has been adjusted to reflect a pre-professional curriculum that will prepare students for our M.ATR. Program.

Effect on students. This change will not affect current students. Current students will finish their BA in Athletic Training and will be certified as an Athletic Trainer.

Effect on resources. No additional resources are needed, and no costs will be incurred beyond the time needed to update university records, systems, and catalog to reflect the name change.

Date of implementation. If approved by the Board of Regents, the name change will be implemented in June 2018.