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Belle Wheelan, Ph.D.
President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

The purpose of this letter is to request approval for The University of Texas at Arlington to close the BA and BS in Athletic Training on May 31, 2019. The accrediting agency for athletic training, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), is transitioning to master's level Athletic Training programs.

Undergraduate students interested in athletic training have been encouraged to enter the BS in Kinesiology or the BS in Exercise Science in light of this accreditation transition. Therefore, there are approximately 15 students left in the program. The program does not intend to accept students in fall 2016. The program is working closely with these 15 students. All courses needed by these students to graduate have been or are being offered through a carefully planned sequence to ensure students can complete the program and earn a bachelor's degree. There are no additional costs to the students completing the BA and the BS in Athletic Training.

Faculty and students have been notified about this transition to the masters in Athletic Training via the CAATE Web site and emails, verbal announcements, as well as working closely with University recruiters who explained the shift to potential students. Requirements for the master's degree in Athletic Training, which includes either a BS in Kinesiology or Exercise Science, or a related degree, have also been communicated to interested students.

There is no impact on faculty as the four full-time faculty members teaching in the undergraduate athletic training program are all qualified to teach in the Master's degree program. This program accreditation transition includes using these qualified faculty members for the graduate program.

No other institutions were involved in offering the BA and BS in Athletic Training.

Should you need additional information, please contact our SACSCOC Liaison, Dr. Loraine Phillips, at lorainep@uta.edu or call 817-272-3365.

Thank you for your assistance,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vistasp M. Karbhari".

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President

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