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Dear Dr. Karbhari:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2016, to the Commission seeking approval to close the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs in athletic training, effective fall 2016.

Educational credentials for athletic training now require a master's degree. As such, baccalaureate degree programs in athletic training are obsolete. For those entering a master's degree program, undergraduate preparation in exercise science or kinesiology is advised by the Committee on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. Students will no longer be admitted to the program as of fall 2016, the program's closure date. Faculty members are aware of the closure by their participation in the decision to close. Staff members were notified through verbal communication, emails, and through training for recruiters and academic advisors. Students have been informed in-person by faculty members and by academic advisors. Approximately 15 students are currently enrolled in the program. Individual degree completion plans have been created for each student. The institution plans to continue offering required courses so that students have a reasonable amount of time to complete their originally-planned program of study. Students will not incur additional costs as a result of the closure. The four full-time faculty members teaching the program will continue to teach in the related graduate program. No staff members will be separated. There are no other resource implications.

The Commission approves the closure of the B.A. and B.S. degree programs in athletic training and requests no additional information.

Best regards,

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President

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