

**Curricular Affairs Committee
of the Faculty Senate**

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: January 14, 2021
Re: Approval of a no-contest request by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation & Movement Science in conjunction with the Graduate College to deactivate the Master of Science in Athletic Training

On January 14, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Department of Rehabilitation & Movement Science in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) in conjunction with the Graduate College to deactivate the MS in Athletic Training (MSAT). The request for deactivation was approved by the faculty members in the program (3 voted to approve; 1 did not vote), and was forwarded to the CAC with support from Scott Thomas, Interim Dean of CNHS, and Cindy Forehand, Dean of the Graduate College as well as the Graduate College Executive Council.

In 2018, the Department of Rehabilitation & Movement Science transitioned from a BS in Athletic Training to the MSAT program in response to the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) 2020 Standards requiring all accredited Athletic Training programs move from the bachelors to the Masters Level by 2022. Despite the success of the BS program and efforts of faculty, the MSAT did not recruit any students in AY 2018-2019 or AY 2019-2020. This is in-line with similar trends seen nationally by other Athletic Training programs that transitioned from a bachelors to a Masters degree. A decision was made by the program to cease recruitment efforts, and the MSAT was listed in the AY 2020-2021 catalog as "Not Accepting Students" with the provision that they request to formally deactivate the program.

As stated above, no students have been enrolled in the program, and no courses specifically for the MSAT have been offered.