

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

RESOLUTION 21-

WHEREAS Wright State University is proposing a new Master of Science in Athletic Training that will replace the existing Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training; and

WHEREAS, the need to replace the undergraduate with a graduate program in Athletic Training results from the decision by the Athletic Training Strategic Alliance to recognize only graduate degrees as the minimum professional degree in Athletic Training; and

WHEREAS, as a member of that Alliance, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) established in 2015 that it will only accredit Master's degrees effective in 2021, meaning that the accreditation of Wright State's undergraduate program will end; and

WHEREAS, this change has led Wright State to conduct an extensive period of review of the current program, including a consideration of the revised standards of accreditation; and

WHEREAS, a thorough process of developing and approving curriculum, has resulted in a Master of Science in Athletic Training; and

WHEREAS, the Master of Science must have Wright State Board's approval before seeking approval by the Ohio Department of Education and CAATE's approval; and

WHEREAS, Wright State's proposed Master's meets CAATE's requirements; and

WHEREAS, administratively, the Master of Science in Athletic Training will be housed with Nursing, Kinesiology and Health, Human Services, Teacher Education, Leadership, Social Work, and the School of Professional Psychology in the newly-formed College of Health, Education, and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, employment statistics support the need for this graduate program; and

WHEREAS, Wright State's current undergraduate program has enjoyed healthy enrollments, which Wright State expects to continue in its graduate program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Master of Science in Athletic Training is unique in this area of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the program requires no new faculty, facilities, or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the operating costs for the Program are expected to remain stable; and

WHEREAS, the Program has been approved by the Faculty Senate and the Provost; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Master of Science in Athletic Training as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby is approved.