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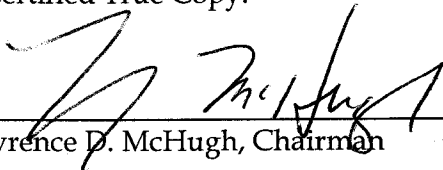


RESOLUTION
 concerning
 LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION
 of a program in
 ATHLETIC TRAINING
 leading to a
 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
 at
 SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
 March 3, 2006

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Southern Connecticut State University's proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Athletic Training, and be it further

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University System in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation for this program from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A Certified True Copy:



 Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

ITEM

Licensure and Accreditation of a Bachelor of Science degree program in Athletic Training at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

This proposal modifies the current Athletic Training Education concentration in the Exercise Science BS degree program to create a new BS degree program in Athletic Training. This program at SCSU was the first in the state to receive national accreditation. The modification maintains the strengths of the current concentration while responding to national accreditation and certification standards (National Athletic Trainers' Association and the Joint Review Committee for Athletic Training) and projected workforce need for certified athletic trainers. Its new design will assist the program with alignment with national trends in athletic training education. It is intended to more precisely target the educational and practical experiences necessary to prepare graduates as certified athletic trainers.

ANALYSIS

This program is being modified to address both professional standards and workforce needs in the state of Connecticut, regionally and nationally. This is partially based on pending legislation that will require all interscholastic sports teams in Connecticut to have certified athletic trainers.

Enrollment is comprised of 25 juniors and seniors in the current Athletic Training Education concentration and 35 freshmen and transfer students in entry-level courses, but not formally admitted to the program. Total enrollment is expected to increase by 20% over the next three years. The change from concentration to degree program will not impact the current Exercise Science program and courses in the new program will continue to enroll students from other disciplines. Because this program has evolved from an existing concentration, the faculty, library holdings, classroom facilities, and fiscal support will effectively serve the needs of the new program. As the program grows, additional faculty, facilities improvement and equipment may be required.

The BS in Athletic Training curriculum has been designed to include a strong assessment component, again required for national accreditation, which includes required internships (clinical affiliation) in both the junior and senior year.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposal from Southern Connecticut State University to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Athletic Training.