

## **Program Performance Review: Culmination Meeting Memo Athletic Training, BS**

The 2016-2017 Program Performance Review (PPR) process for Athletic Training – BS program concluded with a culmination meeting on February 16, 2018.

The following people attended the meeting: Kari Knutson Miller (Provost), Pamela Oliver (AVPAP), Cindy Greenberg (Associate Dean, HHD), Kavin Tsang (Chair), Robert Kersey (Director), Tricia Kasamatsu (Faculty), Melissa Montgomery (Faculty), and Su Swarat (Asst. VP for Institutional Effectiveness).

The Provost commended the program for the fantastic outcome of the CAATE accreditation, which is a testament of program quality: CAATE only cited two cases of non-compliance, requiring minor catalog changes. The program received full reaccreditation of 10 years.

Major recommendations and concerns raised through the PPR process were discussed as follows:

1. National regulation:

- The Provost asked the program about its thoughts on national vs. state regulation. The Coordinator stated that CA does not have state licensure, and the notion has recently been reintroduced again to the state legislature. While state licensure does not affect the program, it would be desirable for CA to join the rest of the states with formal regulation. There are approximately 2,800 athletic trainers in CA, but not all of them are certified.

2. Program elevation:

- The Director indicated that CAATE elevated the minimal education requirement from BS to MS in 2015, which is why the program is moving the program from a BS program to a MS program. The program change is on the Academic Master Plan and the formal proposal will be submitted to the CO now that the campus approval has been signed by the President. The BS program did not admit an undergraduate class this year. The hope is to start the first cohort of MS students in fall 2019.
- The program will work with the AVPAP to file a new degree program implementation form with WSCUC within 30 days of implementation of the MS program.

3. Enrollment goals:

- The Chair indicated that the MS program will be the flagship program in CA.
- The Director stated that the proposed cohort is 15 per year, which should be sustainable. The program offers a lot of service courses to undergraduate students as well, which helps sustain a small yet high quality major cohort. The program is committed to produce graduates that are competitive in the job market.
- The faculty commented that the program is also committed to access, with much lower cost than private schools.

The Provost concluded the meeting by commending and thanking the faculty for their contribution to the students, the university and the community.