University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

Due to the loss of a tenure-track position in Music and Theatre Arts associated with the area of Dance, The Department of Music and Theatre Arts has suspended the Minor in Dance (code 605-400) effective fall 2017. The proposed certificate will allow students to continue to earn credentials in dance without the need to staff a full minor and the associated performances.

Points Discussed by Committee:

Replacement of a 1.0FTE tenure track position in dance with a 0.4 FTE IAS position does not provide adequate resources to staff a minor in dance. The certificate will allow students to document a dance component in their studies and serve students looking for a second program for meeting graduation requirements (a major plus certificate). The course requirements for the certificate utilize existing courses although several courses will need to have a change in the number of credits (DNCE 114,116,314 and 316). This change should allow DNCE required courses to be offered more frequently and could shorten time to degree and lead to more LE course offerings

Pros of Recommendation:
Might shorten time to degree for some students.
Allows students to document dance competency with fewer faculty resources.

Cons of Recommendation:
none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
none

Committee Recommendation:
Approve creation of a Certificate in Dance Activities
Dance Activities Certificate

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee
by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on 10/25/16 (Date)

Recommends:
Establishing a Certificate in Dance Activities in the Department of Music and Theatre Arts.

Implementation Date: 2017/18 catalogue (Fall 2017)

Signed: _______________________________________
Chair of the Committee

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