Musical Theatre Emphasis

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

In the past students that have been interested in earning a theatre arts degree but are primarily interested in musical theatre performance fulfilled all of the requirements for either a theatre or music degree and then added on additional courses to get their desired preparation. The proposed addition of a **Musical Theatre Emphasis within the Theatre Arts, Liberal Arts Comprehensive Major** simply formalizes a path that faculty have been advising students to pursue informally. By formalizing a musical theatre emphasis in the comprehensive major the proposed program should actually help students interested in a performance career graduate in four years. All of the coursework and resources required for this program are currently available. No additional resources are needed and the proposed program should be able to better serve about 25-30 students.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Should help students with time to degree if their main focus is in musical theatre performance.
2. No additional resources required.
3. The new emphasis shares many of the same courses with the Theatre Arts comprehensive major so transfer between emphases within the Theatre Arts comprehensive major should be possible if students change their focus.
4. New emphasis will put moderate additional pressure on DNCE courses that are already fully subscribed.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Helps with time to degree for some students interested in musical theatre performance.
2. Formalizes a path through the major that was previously done primarily by advising students to take additional coursework.
3. Helps publicize a path commonly requested by incoming students and should help in recruiting new students.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

Adding a Musical Theatre emphasis (Code 601-XXX) within the Comprehensive Major: Theatre Arts, Liberal Arts.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee
by a vote of ___ for to ___ against on ___November 15, 2016 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Department of Music and Theatre Arts add a Musical Theatre emphasis (Code 601-XXX) within the Comprehensive Major: Theatre Arts, Liberal Arts.

Implementation Date: 2017/18 Catalog

Signed: 
Chair of the Committee

Send to: University Senate Office