

To: CAHCC and COTE

From: The Department of Theatre Arts Curriculum Committee; J. Kevin Doolen, Department Chair

Requested Action:

The Department requests that the Theatre Arts for Teacher Licensure Option (BA) be deleted, effective the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog.

Rationale:

The Teacher Licensure Option (TLO) has had consistently low enrollment over the past fifteen years. Since 2004, there have only been three students that have completed the TLO. The state of Illinois has altered the necessary requirements to receive a Teacher Licensure in Theatre Arts, making it very difficult to complete this option in four years of study. This combined with fewer jobs in this field has contributed to our low enrollment numbers. A second reason for the removal of this option, is the impending retirement of the primary faculty member in this area. This faculty member is the only professor/instructor with the credentials to oversee this option. Due to the size of our department it is unlikely that this position will be replaced in this role, upon their retirement (scheduled SU 19).

Projected Impact:

Certain classes that are currently offered for this option and have low enrollment will be eliminated or altered to better serve the needs of the department. THA 3400: Methods of Teaching Drama and Theatre and THA 3434: Basic Theatrical Design would both be removed from the curriculum for the 2019-20 Academic Year; the elimination of these will follow in a separate request after the approval of the option deletion.

There are currently three theatre majors that have chosen to pursue this option. They will be able to finish their required coursework before they graduate, taking their specialized Theatre Teacher Licensure courses in 2018-19 before the courses are removed.

Interim Dean Bower in the College of Education and Professional Studies was consulted on 2/3/2018 and expressed no concern about the removal of this option.

Approval by Department Curriculum Committee: 2/7/18

Approval by CAH Curriculum Committee: 2/21/18

Approval by COTE: