DATE: October 9, 2014
TO: Dr. Katherine G. Aiken
    Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
FROM: Dean Panttaja, Chair, Theatre Arts
SUBJECT: Minor Change Notification Request

The University of Idaho is writing to notify the Idaho State Board of Education per Board Policy Section III.G.3.c.ii of the change(s) which we believe is minor.

- Technical Theatre Minor, **Change to: Theatre Design & Technology Minor**
- Theatre Arts Minor, **Change to: Theatre Performance Minor**

The following information is being provided to the SBOE to ensure the minor, non-substantive change(s) is in alignment with our institutional responsibilities and accreditation.

**Mission and Core Themes:**
The nature and purpose of this change is to align the available minors in the Theatre Arts Curricula to cover the two distinct areas of theatre performance and theatre design and technology. These are the two primary areas of interest to students pursuing a minor in theatre and allows them to maximize learning in these specific areas. Students wishing a generalist curricula are pointed to a bachelors program currently offered. We believe these two areas will help students better integrate their learning.

**Authorization:**
The change(s) were approved through the Theatre Department, College Curriculum Committee (CLASS), and University Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, and by the University Faculty during the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year. The University of Idaho is providing notification to OSBE as required by the policy. The change(s) will be made effective beginning summer 2015.
Educational Offerings:

**Technical Theatre Design & Technology Minor**

- The 103 Theatre Technology I (3 cr)
- The 104 Theatre Technology II (3 cr)
- The 190 Theatre Practice (1 cr)

Two of the following (6 cr):
- The 201 Scene Design I (3 cr)
- The 202 Costume Design I (3 cr)
- The 205 Lighting Design I (3 cr)

Upper-division technical theatre course work (6 cr)

Courses to total 19 credits for this minor

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**Theatre Performance Arts Minor**

- The 105 Basics of Performance (3 cr)
- The 106 Basics of Performance (3 cr)
- The 305 Intermediate Acting (3 cr)
- The 306 Intermediate Acting (3 cr)
- The 471 Directing (3 cr)

Upper-Division Elective (3 cr)

Courses to total 18 credits for this minor

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**Planning:**

Students through annual Assessment (Focus Groups) have responded that when taking a minor they wish to either specialize in one area or the other and that a generalist minor has too few credits to be of any practical value. In addition, the Make Up class (THE307) is no longer offered. Finally, this is a departmental attempt to lower both minors below the 20-credit recommended threshold while maintaining rigor and depth.

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**Budget:**

There are no budget implications surrounding this title change.

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**Student Services:**

These are departmental changes and do not effect student services.

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**Physical Facilities:**

There are no facilities implications in this change.

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**Library and Information Resources:**

There are no Library or Information Resources impacted.

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**Faculty:**

There are no new necessary Faculty or staff needed to implement this minor curriculum or title change. No new courses or sections will be added.