DATE: July 15, 2014

TO: Dr. Katherine G. Aiken
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

FROM: Dr. Paul Gathercoal
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SUBJECT: Minor Change Notification Request

The University of Idaho is writing to the Idaho State Board of Education per Board Policy Section III.G.3.c. of the changes which we believe are minor. Thank you in advance for your action of informing the Professional Standards Commission of the changes upon receipt of this letter.

- 22-Credit Computer Science Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 20-Credit Consumer Economics Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 21-Credit Dance Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 37-Credit Journalism Teaching Major, Change (Discontinue)
- 21-Credit Journalism Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 45-Credit Latin Teaching Major, Change (Discontinue)
- 23-Credit Latin Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 63-Credit Physical Science-Life Science Composite Teaching Major (Discontinue)
- 30-Credit Psychology Teaching Major, Change (Discontinue)
- 21-Credit Psychology Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 20-Credit Sociology/Anthropology Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 31-Credit Speech Teaching Major, Change (Discontinue)
- 25-Credit Speech Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 45-46 Credit Theatre Arts Teaching Major, Change (Discontinue)
- 25-Credit Theatre Arts Teaching Minor, Change (Discontinue)
- 46-Credit Theatre Arts-Speech Composite Teaching Major, Change (Discontinue)

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

Authorization:
The changes were approved through the University Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, and by the University Faculty during the 2014-15 academic year. The University of Idaho is providing notification to OSBE and the PSC as required by the policy of each agency prior to making the changes. The changes will be made effective beginning summer 2014.

Educational Offerings:
The University of Idaho is reducing the number of teaching majors and minors to those most needed by the state and those with the strongest student participation. We do so to ensure that our resources are used in the most efficient ways possible.

Planning:
State accreditation changes now require significant assessment of all content standards for each teaching major and minor. The University’s limited resources require that we focus on
those areas most needed by the state and most desired by our students. Thus, we did not request a state review of the majors and minors listed for elimination. As a result, the state review team did not recommend to the Professional Standards Commission a continuance of accreditation in these endorsement areas at the University of Idaho. Students currently majoring or minoring in these endorsement areas will have two years to complete the requirements for an institutional recommendation to the state. No new students will be allowed to select these teaching majors and minors.

**Budget:**
This change will result in minimal cost savings to the University of Idaho. Savings, in time, will be significant as these rarely selected teaching majors and minors will not need to be assessed for accreditation purposes.

**Student Services:**
This change will not negatively impact the capacity of student services. This change will enable student services to concentrate their time and attention on teaching majors and minors that met or exceeded state and national accreditation standards in April 2014.

**Faculty:**
This change will not affect educational and professional experience qualifications of faculty members or their individual teaching assignments. There are no plans to secure qualified faculty and staff.