UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution to Recommend a New Unit of Instruction to Establish a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Musical Theater, College of Liberal Arts [as amended]

WHEREAS the College of Liberal Arts has proposed to establish a new Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theater to prepare students for a career in musical theater and performance; and

WHEREAS this specialized degree will attract a higher caliber and multitalented student desiring more intensive, performance-career training than offered by the Bachelor of Science degrees in Music and Theater; will offer opportunities for participation by a diverse group of performers; and will attract a more diverse student population; and

WHEREAS this new degree is a joint venture between the School of Music and the Department of Theater and will help the recruiting efforts of both units; strengthen existing and foster new interdisciplinary collaboration and create expanding opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students; enhance the McLeod Summer Playhouse; and benefit Kinesiology students; and

WHEREAS the BFA in Musical Theater is the fastest growing performing arts degree in the nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend a new unit of instruction proposal to establish a BFA degree in Musical Theater.

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