

Approved by the Regents
February 15, 2007

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – FLINT
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New Undergraduate Degree Program by the Department of Theatre and Dance,
College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to offer a new Bachelor of Science in Theatre Design and Technology
through the Department of Theatre and Dance, College of Arts and Sciences at
the University of Michigan-Flint

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2007

The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint proposes a new undergraduate degree program, "Bachelor of Science in Theatre Design and Technology." The proposed program has been developed to meet a growing area of specialization in theatre and to provide a higher level of concentration in design and technology beyond the current design and technology track of the Department of Theatre and Dance. The proposed program will prepare students for post-graduate opportunities in theatre design and technology.

The proposed Bachelor of Science in Theatre Design and Technology degree has been thoroughly reviewed and supported by the University of Michigan-Flint College of Arts and Sciences faculty, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, Budget Priorities and Chancellor's Advisory Committee, as well as the provost and chancellor. It has also been approved by the Presidents Council of the State Universities of Michigan.

The proposed program consists of 120 semester credit-hours, including the University of Michigan-Flint general education requirements. The program includes four new and advanced courses to our current design and technology track which offers greater specialization.

Pending approval of the proposal, the program will begin to admit students for the Fall 2007 semester. Because we are building on courses that we already offer, the proposed program will have minimum impact on departmental faculty loads. All of our faculty and staff in the design areas have national and international reputations in their fields.

The program will be primarily funded by partial tuition return to the program. Upcoming renovations of French Hall will provide facilities for the set, costume and make-up courses and will provide a new lighting design lab.

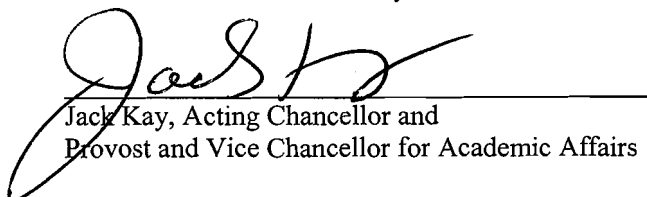
Pending approval, the program will be included in the Department's comprehensive student outcomes assessment plan which has been approved by the University of Michigan-Flint Academic Assessment Committee. Assessment methods will include on and off campus productions, classroom feedback and assessment of design projects, public exhibits and exhibits at regional design competitions such as the American College Theatre Festival, as well as participation in exit interviews.

Recommended by:



Christine Waters, Acting Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



Jack Kay, Acting Chancellor and
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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