

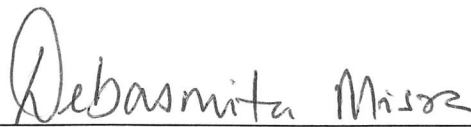
The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #214, April 4, 2016:

MOTION:

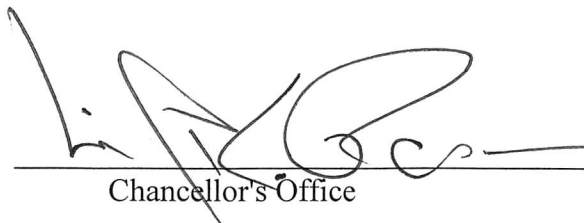
The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to discontinuation of the BA in Theatre, housed in the College of Liberal Arts.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2016

RATIONALE: As part of the special program review process, a curriculum overhaul was approved which phases out the BA in Theatre, while incorporating a Theatre track within the expanded BA in Film, to be called Film and Performing Arts.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL:  _____ DATE: 4/15/16

DISAPPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
Chancellor's Office

Background and Information:

In response to Special Program Review, Provost Henrichs has approved the Department of Theatre & Film's Improvement Plan which involves a major curricular overhaul. We are taking our two separate BA degrees, Theatre (THR) and Film (FLM), and combining them to create one BA in Film & Performing Arts, with the new course designator: FLPA. We will maintain minors in both Theatre and Film.

Because we don't want to lose students interested in Theatre, we would like the "Theatre" section of the catalog to remain with information about the Theatre Minor and with a note to see the "Film and Performing Arts (Theatre Track)" BA section of the catalog for major information.

Both the Theatre and Film programs housed within the Department of Theatre and Film contribute substantially to the departmental mission of providing training in the discipline of the Dramatic Arts. *We propose an expansion of the Film BA to include a track in "Theatre" while we phase out the Theatre BA.* This innovative restructuring at the departmental level will yield the most fruitful results in terms of attracting new majors, retaining current majors and minors in both Theatre and Film, increasing class enrollments, producing graduates in a timely manner, and cutting costs.

The Theatre and Film programs are affected by this shift. All of our former FLM and THR courses that were cross-listed with other departments such as Journalism, Art, and English still will be as FLPA courses cross-listed with other departments. By maintaining our strong relationships with Alaska Native Studies, Anthropology, Art, English, Foreign Languages, Journalism, History and Northern Studies, we will continue to support the interdisciplinary approach to film *studies* while maintaining a curriculum for *film production and performance* within our own department.