July 2, 2014

Dr. Rex Peebles
Assistant Commissioner
Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
1200 East Anderson Lane
Interagency Mail

Dear Dr. Peebles:

The University of Texas at Austin proposes to establish a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting degree. The proposed degree is within the planning authority granted to the University by the Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

This proposal meets the criteria for review and approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education on behalf of the Coordinating Board. We therefore enclose a copy the certification signed on behalf of The University of Texas System Board of Regents. By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Counsel and Secretary to the Board of our approval.

Sincerely,

Pedro Reyes
Executive Vice Chancellor
and Ashbel Smith Professor of Education Policy

PR/smr
Attachments

c: President William Powers
Dr. Greg Fenves
General Counsel to the Board of Regents Francie A. Frederick
Certification Form for New Bachelor’s and Master’s Programs
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Directions: An institution shall use this form to request a new bachelor’s or master’s degree program that meets all criteria for automatic approval in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.44: (a) The program has institutional and governing board approval; (b) the program complies with the Standards for Bachelor’s and Master’s Programs; (c) adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the new program; (d) new costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed $2 million; (e) the program is a non-engineering program (i.e., not classified under CIP code 14); and (f) the program will be offered by a university or health-related institution.

If a new bachelor’s or master’s program does not meet the criteria above, an institution must submit a request using the Form for Requesting a New Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program.

Information: Contact the Division of Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research at 512/427-6200 for more information.

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Administrative Information

1. **Institution**: The University of Texas at Austin

2. **Program Name**: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting

3. **Proposed CIP Code**: 50.0506.00

4. **Number of Required Semester Credit Hours (SCHs)**: 120

5. **Administrative Unit**: The Department of Theatre and Dance, College of Fine Arts

6. **Delivery Mode**: On site traditional delivery

7. **Implementation Date**: Fall semester 2014

8. **Contact Person**:
   - **Name**: Dr. Brant Pope
   - **Title**: Professor & Chair, Department of Theatre and Dance
   - **E-mail**: brant@austin.utexas.edu
   - **Phone**: (512) 232-5319
Signature Page

I hereby certify that all of the following criteria have been met in accordance with the procedures outlined in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.44:

(a) The program has institutional and governing board approval.

(b) The program complies with the Standard's for New Bachelor's and Master's Programs.

(c) Adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the new program.

(d) New costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed $2 million.

(e) The program is a non-engineering program (i.e., not classified under CIP code 14).

(f) The program is not one which the institution previously offered and has been closed due to low productivity in the last 10 years.

(g) The program will be offered by a university or health-related institution.

I understand that the Coordinating Board will update the program inventory for the institution if no objections to the proposed program are received during the 30-day public comment period.

[Signature]
Chief Executive Officer

9/30/13
Date

I hereby certify that the Board of Regents has approved this program.

Date of Board of Regents approval: 7/2/14

[Signature]
Board of Regents (or Designee)

7/2/14
Date

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