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RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE DESIGN, COLLEGE OF
ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

Action: Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts recommends the renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design as the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design, Production, and Technology.

Currently, the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Theatre Design narrowly focuses on theatre scenic and costume design. The renamed degree will focus on all aspects of theatre design, production, and technology. The expanded scope of the degree will make it more relevant and attractive to students and prospective employers of program graduates.

Students will take core courses from across the college in acting, theatre history and production, art history, and design, and complete a two-course practicum in either scenic and lighting design or costume and makeup design. A required introductory course in scenography/principles of theatrical design will provide much-needed historical and theoretical context to the major. Students will also be required to develop a portfolio

as a means to present their work for graduate school and careers in the arts or other creative fields. The degree will continue to require a total of 120-credit hours, with 24-hours of general education courses, 50-hours of coursework in the major, and 45- to 46-hours of electives.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.