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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to make the following changes in the Department of Theatre and Film Studies will be an agenda item for the February 14, 2025, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

- Proposal to change the name of the Department in Theatre and Film Studies to the Department of Theatre and Film
- Proposal to change the name of the major in Film Studies (A.B.) to Film (A.B.)

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC UNIT NAME CHANGE

Date: December 9, 2024

Department/Division: Department of Theatre and Film Studies

School/College/Unit: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2025

NAME CHANGE:

Current Name: Department of Theatre and Film Studies

Proposed Name: Department of Theatre and Film

JUSTIFICATION:

The Department of Theatre and Film Studies has proposed two Areas of Emphasis under the degree in Film Studies (A.B.): an Area of Emphasis in Film Production and an Area of Emphasis in Film Studies. The department has also proposed to change the name of the major in Film Studies (A.B.) to Film (A.B.). In widening the scope of the major and formalizing more film production work by creating an Area of Emphasis in Film Production, the word "studies" in the department title is no longer accurate. The scope of both the major and the department has grown to incorporate more film production work, which can be encompassed along with film studies in the word "Film."

At a faculty retreat on December 4, 2024, the faculty discussed the issue and agreed that the new name should be the "Department of Theatre and Film." The faculty approved this new name with a unanimous vote.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Date: January 20, 2025

Department/Division: Department of Theatre and Film Studies

School/College/Unit: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2025

PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

Current Program Name: Film Studies (A.B.)

Proposed Program Name: Film (A.B.)

JUSTIFICATION:

The department is proposing to change the name of the major in Film Studies (A.B.) to Film (A.B.). The department has also proposed two Areas of Emphasis under the major in Film Studies (A.B.): an Area of Emphasis in Film Production and an Area of Emphasis in Film Studies. With the creation of these two Areas of Emphasis, the current name of the major, Film Studies, is no longer accurate. A degree in Film (A.B.) is more encompassing of programmatic changes, which will now include a general track, the Area of Emphasis in Film Production, and the Area of Emphasis in Film Studies. Changing the name of the major will also coincide with a proposed name change for the department from the Department of Theatre and Film Studies to the Department of Theatre and Film.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Change the name of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies to the Department of Theatre and Film

Change the name of the major in Film Studies (A.B.) to Film (A.B.)

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Departments: Theatre and Film Studies

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2025

School/College:

- Department of Theatre and Film Studies Head, Julie Ray, 12/9/2024
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Paula Lemons, 1/28/2025