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Office of the President
May 2, 2017

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Dance, in the Department of Theatre and Dance, within the College of Fine Arts, beginning in the Fall 2017 Semester.

Background: The Dance minor in the Department of Theatre and Dance was implemented five years ago and has grown from six to 70 students. The Dance program has achieved national recognition and awards for its student and faculty choreography and performance at festivals and conferences each year.

The proposed Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance will educate students in the history, theory, creativity, practice, and performance of dance within the context of a broad liberal arts education. The curriculum incorporates and develops problem solving, collaboration, communication (visual, aural, written, and performative), critical thinking, peer mentorship, and project management. Students will master interpersonal communication skills that incorporate physical authority and assurance.

Students have expressed interest in this type of major, one that allows flexibility to earn a second major or minor in another discipline of their choice. Admission to this degree program will be selective, in that students will audition for acceptance and placement into the program. It is anticipated that students will pair a Dance major with a wide variety of disciplines including Communication, Journalism, Psychology, Nursing, Accounting, Computer Science, Chemistry, Biology, Education, and Pre-Medicine. Students' ability to pair two distinct majors and areas of interest will enhance their undergraduate experience, help to achieve student success, lead to greater retention and graduation rates, and strengthen job placement. The inclusion of a degree in Dance also will bring UK in line with its benchmarks.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 45 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____