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Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor
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Swanlund Administration Building
601 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820



September 6, 2001

Susan A. Lamb, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Lamb:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the Discontinuance of the Teacher Education Minor in Speech and the Speech Teaching Option

This proposal has been approved by the Courses and Curricula Committee, Academic Affairs Committee and Executive Committee; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith A. Marshall".

Keith A. Marshall
Assistant Provost

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c: C. Livingstone
D. Swanson

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Office of the Dean

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March 22, 2001

Mr. Chet Zych
Council on Teacher Education
130 Education Building
MC-708

Dear Chet:

The Courses and Curricula Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, and Executive Committee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences voted to approve the following proposals within the Speech Communication major of the Sciences and Letters Curriculum:

Discontinuance of the Speech Teacher Education Minor in Speech
Discontinuance of the Speech Teaching Option

These proposals are ready for review by the Council on Teacher Education with proposed implementation of Fall 2001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ann M. Mester'.

Ann M. Mester
Assistant Dean

Enclosures

C: Professor David L. Swanson

**Proposal to Discontinue the *Teacher Education Minor in Speech*
in the Speech Communication Major of the
Sciences and Letters Curriculum**

SPONSOR: Department of Speech Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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BRIEF JUSTIFICATION:

1. Termination of teacher certification in Speech: Teacher certification in Speech will end in Illinois when a new standards-led system takes effect on July 1, 2003.
2. Lack of demand: Student demand for the Teacher Education Minor in Speech is far too low to support a viable program. In the current year, only one student in pursuing the minor. This compares to average enrollments in the Speech Communication major overall of 369 per year in the 1990s, and current enrollment (fall, 2000) of 554.
3. Lack of faculty resources to support the program: The need to meet enrollment pressures in high-demand areas and to direct faculty resources to areas of high and emerging disciplinary importance led us to reallocate faculty lines from the speech education area to other areas. As a result, we no longer have faculty members to support instruction in the Teacher Education Minor in Speech.
4. Availability of alternatives: Teacher preparation programs in speech communication are offered at Illinois State University and Eastern Illinois University, both of which devote substantial faculty resources to the programs.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- a. Additional staff and funds needed: None.
- b. Internal reallocations: Elimination of this program will allow us to reallocate a portion of an academic professional's time from supervising the Option to undergraduate advising, where it is much needed.
- c. Effect on course enrollments in other departments: None.
- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.: None.

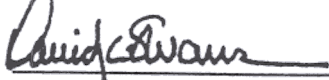
GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

Elimination of a low-demand professional training program that is not viable nor supported by appropriate faculty resources is consistent with the guideline that "professional preparation . . . should be provided for those professions that are of

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interest to a sizable number of students.”

CLEARANCES:



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Department/Unit Head



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CTE Communication Area Committee

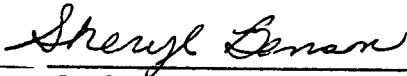
Date



3/22/01

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Date



5/9/01

Council on Teacher Education

Date

Associate Provost

Date

STATEMENT FOR THE BULLETIN:

[Delete the description of the *Teacher Education Minor in Speech* from the Speech Communication Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum.]

EFFECTIVE DATE:

August 21, 2001.