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Part II. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE

1) Deleted Course
TH 115 Principles of Theater Design and Architecture

2) RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

Re: the change from TH 115 to TH 116 -- When the National Association of Schools of Theater (NAST) evaluated the Department of Theater for accreditation last year, their review noted a concern that students were graduating from our program without having been required to take any course in theatrical design. (TH 115 was basically a Theater Architecture course and did not meet NAST design requirements.) Aware of the NAST recommendation to include a required course in design, the department decided to rethink TH 115. As a result, TH 116 was developed as an introductory level course for all areas of theatrical design.

3) IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Students already in the program will be allowed to use TH 115 or TH 116 to satisfy the course requirement in the core curriculum. The option of taking either TH 130 or TH 150 will benefit students in that they will now have even more choices within the basic requirements for the degree. For some of our students who are particularly interested in dance and musical theater, this option is very attractive.
- 2. As TH 116 is a replacement for TH 115, there will be no effect upon faculty teaching loads in the department. As TH 150 has already been in the department curriculum for two years, this course will also have no negative effect upon faculty teaching loads.
- 3. We expect no significant increase or decrease in the number of students as a result of these revisions.

4) LETTERS OF SUPPORT

No letters of support are necessary.