



November 12, 2018

Ms. Christine L. Mee
Executive Director of Institutional
Research, Assessment, and Analysis
Coastal Carolina University
Singleton 228
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, SC 29528

Dear Ms. Mee:

Thank you for your letter of July 25, 2018, notifying the Commission of the closure of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) program in Musical Theater, effective fall 2018.

Closure of the B.F.A. program in Musical Theater was initiated by the faculty and has been approved through the institution's formal curriculum review process. A detailed teach-out plan was provided. The 39 students enrolled in the program have been informed of its closure and all are expected to graduate by summer 2020, without incurring additional expense or hardship.

Coastal Carolina University currently offers a B.F.A. in Theater Arts with concentrations in Design and Technology, Acting, and Physical Theater. After elimination of the B.F.A. in Musical Theater, a new concentration in Musical Theater will be added to the B.F.A. in Theater Arts. Students will have the option of transferring to this program. Related faculty and staff will also be redeployed to that program.

We approve the closure of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) program in Musical Theater.

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. David A. DeCenzo, President
Dr. John S. Hardt



Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

July 25, 2018

Dr. Belle Wheelan
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

This letter serves as a notification that Coastal Carolina University received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) to terminate its Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Musical Theatre beginning with the 2018-2019 admission cycle.

Coastal Carolina University currently offers a BFA in Theatre Arts with concentrations in Design and Technology, Acting, and Physical Theatre. With the termination of the BFA in Musical Theatre, a new concentration in Musical Theatre will be added to the BFA in Theatre Arts beginning Fall 2018. Each of the concentrations will have the same foundational courses.

The Department of Theatre determined that students would be better prepared for careers and graduate study in Musical Theatre through this change and that the objective of the program is to cultivate practitioners of theatre and live entertainment. This objective can be achieved by developing a practical knowledge and competence in sensitivity to technique, artistry, and style, as well as insight into the role of the theatre arts. This change was reviewed via the University's regular curriculum review process, approved by the Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate, and approved and signed by the University Provost and President.

With the approval of this termination, the current BFA in Musical Theatre will be phased out with a teach-out plan for currently-enrolled students. New students will follow the BFA in Theatre Arts with a concentration in Musical Theatre curriculum as listed in the Coastal Carolina University *Undergraduate Catalog*; existing students may choose to continue with the BFA in Musical Theatre through the teach-out plan or change to the BFA in Theatre Arts with a concentration in Musical Theatre.

Attached is the teach-out plan, a copy of the curriculum for the BFA in Theatre Arts with a concentration in Musical Theatre, and the SCCHE approval letter. Please let me know if you have questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,

Christine L. Mee
SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison
Executive Director of Planning and Research



**SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

July 9, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Ralph Byington, Provost and Executive Vice President, Coastal Carolina University

From: John Lane, DMA, Director of Academic Affairs

CHE received a *Notification of Termination* (attached) June 12, 2018, to terminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre at Coastal Carolina University. As requested, the program will be terminated. The date the program will be closed to new students is Fall 2018 and the date the data file will be closed is Summer 2020.

Please review this information and let us know if we have misinterpreted your information as this change, as stated, will be reflected in the Commission's *Inventory of Academic Programs* and the document will be placed in the permanent program files.

Attachment

cc: Dr. James Solazzo
Inventory File
Program File