

**Resolution 2016-17.F**

**Resolution to Approve New Major, Cinema, in Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: January 23, 2017

Second Reading: February 13, 2017

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to declare Major: Spring 2017

First Effective Date to Graduate: Winter 2019

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of faculty members in the Theatre and Cinema program in the School of Performing Arts have international reputations, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of cinema; and

**WHEREAS**, Cinema has been an Option under the Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major Theatre Arts, and the new Major in Cinema incorporates required courses of the Cinema major option; while maintaining a robust curriculum within the same accredited Theatre Arts degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Theatre Arts Majors who select the Option in Cinema continues to increase indicating a strong interest in the study of cinema production and studies; and

**WHEREAS**, the change from an Option to a Major enables the School of Performing Arts to more clearly reflect one of its principal areas of study and better align the program with our peer institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Major in Cinema will provide better visibility for the program and will provide support to the enrollment management of incoming freshmen and transfer students into the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, cinema studies prepares students for a wide range of careers or advanced degree studies, the Major in Cinema can be more readily promoted to potential employers and graduate schools and make it easier for students to market themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Major in Cinema will provide for more curricular flexibility and specialization within the School, as well as participation in cross-disciplinary curricular initiatives across the university,

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Major in Cinema be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts effective Spring 2017 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.