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,

Keith A. Marshall
Assistant Provost

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D. Swanson
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,

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

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BRIEF JUSTIFICATION:


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 1990's, 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

David 2/13
Department/Unit Head

Director, Communication Area Committee 4/25/01
CTE Communication Area Committee Date

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Date

3/22/01

Council on Teacher Education Date

5/9/01

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: