

**Proposal to Discontinue the *Speech Teaching Option*
in the Speech Communication Major of the
Sciences and Letters Curriculum**

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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 Speech Teaching Option was strong through the 1960s and early 1970s, when it averaged roughly 100 students per year. However, demand declined steadily through the 1980s, stabilizing at a level that is not large enough to support a viable program. From 1991 to 2000, total enrollment in the Speech Teaching Option averaged 3.3 students per year. No students are enrolled in the Option at present. 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 Speech Teaching Option.
4. Poor use of resources: Supervision for students in the Speech Teaching Option is provided by a Ph.D.-level academic professional (appointed as Academic Adviser and Adjunct Assistant Professor) whose primary assignment is as the departmental undergraduate adviser. The time commitment required to supervise the few Speech Teaching students is substantial (including finding student-teaching placements and making repeated on-site observations), taking time that could be spent more effectively on advising our 554 undergraduate majors.
5. 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

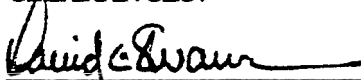
portion of an academic professional's time from supervising the Option to undergraduate advising, where it is much needed.

- c. Effect on course enrollments in other departments: None.
- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.: None.

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

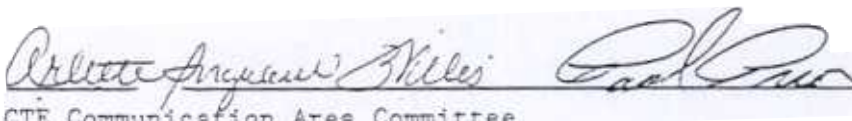
Elimination of a low-demand professional training program that is not viable nor supported by appropriate faculty resources is consistent with the guideline that "professional preparation . . . should be provided for those professions that are of interest to a sizable number of students."

CLEARANCES:



2/13/01

Department/Unit Head


CTE Communication Area Committee


4/25/01
Date



3/21/01

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Date



5/9/01

Council on Teacher Education

Date

Associate Provost

Date

STATEMENT FOR THE BULLETIN:

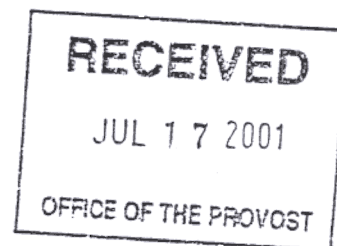
[Delete the description of the *Speech Teaching Option* from the Speech Communication Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum.]

EFFECTIVE DATE:

August 21, 2001.

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Council on Teacher Education
130 Education Building, MC-708
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Champaign, IL 61820-6990



July 12, 2001

Keith Marshall, Asst. Provost
Swanlund, 2nd Floor
MC-304

Dear Keith:

Enclosed are the originals of the Proposal to Discontinue the Speech Teaching Option in the Speech Communication Major of the Sciences and Letters Curriculum and the Proposal to Discontinue the Teacher Education Minor in Speech in the Speech Communication Major of the Sciences and Letter Curriculum. Both proposals have the approval of the appropriate committees, including the Council on Teacher Education, and are now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee

I believe that both proposals are self-explanatory. Due to major changes currently being implemented by the Illinois State Board of Education, speech will no longer be a certification endorsement field after July 1, 2003. Instead, speech will become part of the new endorsement area of English Language Arts. There are currently no students in the major or the minor.

Please feel free to contact me if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,


Chet Zych
Associate Director/
Certification Officer

Encl.

C: David Swanson
Arlette Willis
Paul Prior
Ann Mester
Sheryl Benson

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March 22, 2001

Mr. Chet Zych
Council on Teacher Education
130 Education Building
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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 that reads "Ann M. Mester".

Ann M. Mester
Assistant Dean

Enclosures

C: Professor David L. Swanson