National Association of Schools of Theatre

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Dear Professors Nacy and Stilson:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NAST Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its March 2014 meetings, took action on the institution’s application.

Please find enclosed a Commission Action Report describing this action in detail. This Report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Commission. Please note the Association’s policy regarding Disclosure and Confidentiality, a copy of which has been enclosed. As requested by the institution, a copy of this Report is being forwarded to the individuals listed below.

This action is taken based upon a review of Southeast Missouri State University according to the NAST accreditation standards in effect in March of 2014.

The institution, seeking accreditation with NAST, is asked to participate in reviews and revisions to the NAST Handbook, and is reminded to maintain its operations and programs current with NAST standards as these are developed and approved.

The Commission on Accreditation and the Association appreciate the institution’s efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NAST accreditation standards and guidelines. Further, the Commission and Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution and its theatre unit on behalf of theatre and higher education.

Please contact the NAST National Office staff if you have questions, or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Karen P. Moynahan
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Ken Dobbins, President
Southeast Missouri State University
Bill Eddleman, Provost ✓
Southeast Missouri State University
April 17, 2014

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Theatre and Dance

Action:

The Commission voted to accept the response and grant Associate Membership with the degree listing indicated below.

The Commission requests a progress report addressing the issues cited below.

NAST Degree Listing:

Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Theatre.
Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Acting; Design/Technology; Musical Theatre.

Next Full Review:

2019-2020 Academic Year

Items for Progress Report:

1. The Commission requests an update on successful conclusion of the search for a full-time assistant professor in the area of movement/combat/acting to be added in the Fall of 2014 (see Response to Commission Action Report, page 2).

2. The Commission requests an update on successful conclusion of the search for a full-time faculty line in the area of voice/acting to be added in the Fall of 2015 (see Response to Commission Action Report, page 3).

Due Dates for Progress Report:

For item 1. above:
February 1, 2015 for consideration at the Commission meetings of March 2015.
For item 2. above:
February 1, 2016 for consideration at the Commission meetings of March 2016.

The Procedures for Submitting Responses and Progress Reports may be downloaded from the NAST Web site at http://nast.arts-accredit.org (see “Accreditation Procedures” and beneath that, “Other Procedures”).

Commendations:

The Commission commends the institution for its thorough response to the Commission Action Report, which reflects the institution’s dedication to the Department of Theatre and Dance. The Commission further commends the institution for its consistent dedication to program improvement and the accreditation process.

Karen P. Moynahan
Executive Director

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RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

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