

## **ATTACHMENT 4B-1 LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 1**

### **NAME CHANGE OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR, OPTION OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT**

(No change in curriculum, emphasis, or organizational structure)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
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4. Proposed effective date: August, 2014
5. Current title of degree/certificate program: Drama, Master of Fine Arts
6. Current title of major or option: Drama, Master of Fine Arts
7. Current title of organizational unit: Department of Drama
8. Proposed name of certificate/degree: Theatre, Master of Fine Arts
9. Proposed name of major or option: Theatre, Master of Fine Arts
10. Proposed name of organizational unit: Department of Theatre
11. CIP Code: 50.0501
12. Degree Code: 0022
13. Reason for proposed action:

A change from the Department of Drama to the Department of Theatre is a more accurate representation of the academic and production work completed on this campus. A Department of Theatre typically represents a program that produces theatre and offers the Master of Fine Arts terminal degree, whereas, a Department of Drama historically has had an active scholarly component such as Master of Arts and/or Ph.D. program in Drama. Since the University of Arkansas has not offered the Master of Arts degree since the mid-1990's and has been offering the B.A. and M.F.A. for over 20 years, the change to Department of Theatre is the industry standard whereas the Department of Drama is an anomaly. The name of the MFA degree program needs to be changed to reflect the department name change.

Board of Trustees Approval Date:

Chief Academic Officer:

Date: