

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

August 25, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Sekhar Chivukula, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. John Gaboury, Associate Provost for Academic Services and Enrollment Management

RE: Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Minor in Creative Writing
For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE).

UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the UCUE to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to UCUE members.

The request is for a moratorium effective Fall 2017 through Summer 2018.

The UCUE alone will consider this request and its consultative commentary will be sent to the Provost for determination.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please contact Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator, at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request for a Moratorium form dated May 3, 2017; Minor in Creative Writing and attachments.

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Program Name: Creative Writing Degree: MNUN Sequence Number: 2	Program Request ID: 3493
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Effective Dates: Fall 2017 - Summer 2018	Status: Interim	Initial Action: Moratorium
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Requested Date: 4/17/2017 8:03:01 AM

1. Department/School/College:

04264 Department of English

2. Name of Program:

Creative Writing

3. Name of Degree:

MNUN

4. Type of Program:

Minor

5. Effective Start Semester:

Fall 2017

*no current students
minor established FS17*

Reason for Moratorium Request:

The minor was passed before the start of the new chair of English, who wants to explore curricular development. There is concern about patterns in other CAL programs, such as Spanish, of minors siphoning off majors. There is interest in building a more collaborative program that engages other CAL units + Teacher Education in the College of Education. The addition of a new faculty member in Creative Writing and potentially a second in CDDA/lit studies that will help us align the Creative Writing program with the department's broader interests in the CDDA initiative. The completion of the chair's first year now positions her to work more strategically and with a clearer understanding of how the department as a whole can shape a shared vision across subfields.

Effective End Term:

Summer 2018

Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s):

Non-English major students interested in pursuing a Creative Writing minor.

Suggested alternative major and major code for new admits:

B.A. in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: Department of English
5/2/2017 8:20:30 AM by Stephen Deng for Cara Cilano, Chairperson

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Arts and Letters
5/3/2017 8:48:16 AM by Sheila Contreras for Sheila Contreras, Associate Dean

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