Dear Randy,

I am writing to inform you about a recent decision regarding the Theatre program on the Lima campus. After thoughtful discussions with David Horn, Dana Renga, EJ Westlake, and the Lima faculty, we have agreed to discontinue offering the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre in Lima.

This decision was not made lightly and was based on a thorough review of enrollment trends and program sustainability. Over the past several years, the program has graduated an average of just 0.7 students annually, a statistic that highlights significant challenges in maintaining the BA program at Lima.

While we will no longer offer the BA in Theatre, we remain committed to fostering a theatrical community. The Theatre minor will continue to be available on the Lima campus, ensuring that students can still engage with and explore the performing arts. Additionally, we will maintain opportunities for individuals outside the department to participate in and experience theatrical productions.

I understand that there are likely processes to follow within OAA to move forward with this decision. Please let me know what you need from me. We are currently developing a teach-out plan for students currently in the major and intend to remove the Theater major from our lists of degree options as we move into the next recruitment cycle. If students arrive in AU25, we will continue to offer the program for the duration of their time on campus.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this change further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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