NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 30 and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education’s Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education will open a comment period relative to Dean College’s petition to offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre.

Dean College is an independent, NECHE accredited, two-year college located in Franklin, Massachusetts. The school was founded in 1865 as Dean Academy with the financial assistance of Dr. Oliver Dean. Dean Academy’s primary goal was to offer a well-rounded program that included athletics, academics, and student activities and to establish a personal atmosphere that would identify and cultivate the strengths of its students, thus preparing them for admission to college. In 1941, the Academy was chartered as a two-year college and used the name, Dean Academy and Junior College. In the Acts of 1943, the Academy was granted authority to issue the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The Higher Education Coordinating Council approved the name change to Dean College on September 21, 1993. Since this time, Dean College has been approved to offer baccalaureate degrees.

The College is currently approved to offer the Associate in Science and Associate in Arts, the Bachelor of Arts in the following disciplines; Arts and Entertainment Management, Communications, Dance, English, History, Liberal Arts and Studies, Theatre, Psychology, and Sociology; the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, and the Bachelor of Science in the following disciplines; Biology, Business, Early Childhood Education, Entertainment Industry Management, Exercise Science, Management, Marketing, Recreation and Coaching, Security Management, Sports Broadcasting, Sport Fitness, Recreation and Coaching, and Sports Management. In its current petition, Dean College seeks to offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre.

The public comment period for the petition of Dean College to offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre begins on June 22, 2022 and ends on July 14, 2022. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on July 14, 2022, by directing the same to the following:

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Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Dean College “BFA Acting Musical Theatre” in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Shelley Tinkham.