

FACULTY MEETING
March 4, 2016

MOTION

The Committee on Educational Policies and Planning (CEPP) proposes that Skidmore College terminate its current affiliation with the British American Drama Academy (BADA) for the Shakespeare Programme in London on the recommendation of the Office of Off-Campus Study & Exchanges and the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Programs (ACOP).

RATIONALE :

During the early fall, BADA's Board of Directors determined they could no longer support an affiliation with Skidmore College. This was a difficult decision given the longstanding partnership between Skidmore and BADA. Since 1995, we have enjoyed a fruitful collaboration on this signature program for Theater and English students. However, students' educational needs and partner institutions' financial demands have shifted and enrollments in the program have continued to decrease as a result.

Specifically, the program has struggled for the past 6 years to maintain steady enrollments. We have had as many as 27 participants at our highest point and as low as 3 at our lowest point. (We were forced to cancel the program for that year.) For the program to run effectively on an academic and financial level, and for BADA to be able to justify hosting our program, the program ideally would have 205 participants. We met that goal only once in the past 6 years.

These unstable enrollments were the result of a variety of factors:

- x In any given year, over 50% of the participants were not from Skidmore; rather, they came from peer schools. We charge all students, including Skidmore students, the Skidmore comprehensive fee for the semester. As more of our peer schools have moved to charging home school tuition and fees, the Shakespeare Programme has become financially unsustainable.
- x With the emergence of...