

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #194, November 4, 2013:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to the discontinuation of the Master of Arts program in Music (housed in the College of Liberal Arts, Music Department).

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2014

RATIONALE: The National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the accrediting agency for UAF's music programs, noted in its last review (2010) that UAF's current Master of Arts in Music program does not accurately reflect what current graduate students in music at UAF do, nor what an M.A. program should be. The Department of Music does not have the faculty resources necessary to offer an M.A. in Music under current accreditation standards. In addition, most graduate students in Music at UAF are seeking performance-based degrees, and will be better accommodated by the proposed Master of Music in Performance (see accompanying motion). Students who wish to obtain a Master of Arts degree with a focus in music can still apply to the Interdisciplinary Master of Arts program at UAF.

Because the Music Department is restructuring its graduate program to establish a Master's of Music in Performance (M.M.) in place of the M.A. in music, there will be no impact of deleting the M.A. in music program. Existing faculty and resources will offer the M.M. in Performance program, instead of the M.A. in music.

Background and Information:

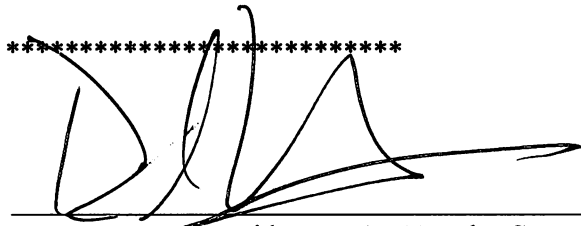
The UAF Department of Music has proposed restructuring its current graduate degree program as a Master of Music in Performance (M.M.) degree program (Format 3 proposal currently under review). The M.M. degree would replace the current Master of Arts (M.A.) degree. The Department's accrediting agency, the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), noted in its most recent degree program review (AY2010-2011) that the Department's M.A. degree does not accurately reflect either what an M.A. degree should be or what its graduate music students actually do in their course of study. By implementing the M.M. program, the Department will provide graduate students with the appropriate degree they seek. By replacing the M.A. degree with the M.M. degree, the Department will delete a program for which neither the required curriculum or the required number of faculty positions are in place to properly offer concentrations in Music Theory, Music History, Composition, Conducting, and Music Education.

The UAF Department of Music and its faculty are willing to advise or instruct qualified graduate students enrolling in music classes as part of an M. A. or M. S. in Interdisciplinary Studies program through the Office of the Graduate School.

No faculty or workload displacements will be incurred by deleting the Master of Arts degree program. The proposed Master of Music in Performance degree will require the same faculty and administrative personnel currently involved with the M.A. program.

There are no effects on the Department of Music's budget through deletion of the Master of Arts program, given its replacement with the proposed Master of Music program.

There are currently five students enrolled in the graduate music program. All are in the Music Performance concentration. Two of these students will be graduating in Spring 2014. Another three students are full-time first-year students on track for graduation in Spring 2015. The Department plans to award these students the M.M. degree, subject to its approval and implementation as proposed for AY2014-2015. The Department will provide a teach-out period for one current part-time graduate student who will be allowed to graduate under the current M.A. requirements. With approval of the proposed M.M. degree program, the Department of Music will no longer enroll new students under the current M.A. degree program.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

Chancellor's Office

DATE: 4 NOV 2013

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