

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR MUSIC

STRENGTHS:

- Developed online courses that fulfill GER credits.
- Improved advising and mentoring in the Music Department has steadily increased both retention and graduation rates.
- Many performing opportunities both on campus and in the community.
- There is a strong connection to the community.
- BM Music Education only CAEP accredited Music Education program in the state
- Graduates are working in Alaska as music educators.
- MM degree (currently suspended) only graduate music degree in the state of Alaska.
- At UAF MM application and audition process was competitive and has attracted state, national, and international students with high-level music performance skills.
- MM degree contributions to UAF: Graduate students can provide visibility to UAF at state, national, and international levels from their participation in competitions, concerts, festivals, and master classes. They can support various UAF and community music and theater productions and serve the Department as adjunct or term music instructors.
- Department's music performance faculty have earned national and international reputations as performers and clinicians.

WEAKNESSES:

- Loss of department faculty.
- Due to losses in K-12 music instruction, fewer students are arriving prepared – i.e. they are not proficient with their instrument.
- Cuts to travel and faculty means recruitment is difficult.
- There are not enough majors to form small/large ensembles necessary for degree programs.
- MM Degree - Enrollment suspension status. Under the suspended status the department cannot recruit new students and effect a change or improvement in the program.
- If suspension is lifted, department requests support in tuition waivers and teaching assistantships in order to remain competitive and attract high-level MM students. However, in the current fiscal climate this is not likely to happen. There is a population of self-funded students who are not able to attend while MM in suspended status.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Missed opportunities due to lack of faculty, i.e. collaboration with Alaska Native Studies, can't offer Alaska Native Music. Because this is a required course for music majors, the requirement is now being waived.
- Many collaborations with organizations in greater Fairbanks arts community; opportunities for student participation in community performing arts events.
- The program is supported by donors, which leads to scholarships and strong advocates.

- Reinstatement of the MM degree program will provide Alaskan public school music teachers an in-state option for professional development, provide undergraduates from both UAF and UAA an in-state option for continued music education.
- Participation in Middle College could lead to increased enrollment.

THREATS:

- Lack of funding leading to loss of tenure-track music faculty, concern of students.
- Music and education are not supported at the legislative level in Alaska.
- Continued suspension could lead to program deletion, which would mean that “Alaska will have the distinction of being the only US state that does not offer any level of graduate music study for its residents.”

CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

- Contributes to UAF’s core themes: educate, create and disseminate artistic and scholarly works, prepare Alaska’s workforce in Music Education.
- Connects the university with the local community, i.e. is the public face of the university.

INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

- MM would be the only graduate music degree in Alaska.
- Department’s music performance faculty have earned national and international reputations as performers and clinicians.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS:

- 6.4 FTEs for 62 students (57 undergraduates & 5 graduates) averaged over five years.
- A useful metric would have been student credit hour production versus instructional costs; however, we were not provided student credit hour production.

	MAJORS	DEGREES
Music BA	FY15: 41/ FY19: 22	FY15: 2/ FY19: 5
Music Education, Music Performance BM	FY15: 26/ FY19: 25	FY15: 6/ FY19: 4
Music Performance MM*	FY15: 10/ FY19: 0	FY15: 4/ FY19: 0

*suspended in FY18

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Music BA:

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation w/ improvement plan (7 votes, 1 abstention)	Work toward increasing enrollment	Two years

Music Education BM, Music Performance BM:

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Continuation (7 votes, 1 abstention)		

Music Performance MM:

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Reinstatement	With the understanding that additional resources are not available in the near term	Three years