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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-003-201

Discontinuation of the Music B.A. – Music Education (Pre-Credential) Option

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 02/10/2021

**Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded**

Date: 02/17/2021

Academic Senate

**Date: 03/10/2021
First Reading**

BACKGROUND:

The B.A. in Music, Option in Music Education (Pre-Credential) program began in the 1970s. Over the years, the program grew 400% with approximately 60 students in 2017-18. This increase was largely due to the program's accreditation by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as a "Single Subject Matter Preparation Program" in Music. Demand for the program continues to grow; however, due to semester conversion and unit limits, it became impossible to maintain the CTC's approval of the program in 120 units.

The Music Department received approval of a new Bachelor of Music (B.M.) degree with an option in Pedagogy (Pre-Credential) which will replace the B.A. option in Music Education. This program has been approved by the CTC for its curriculum as satisfying subject matter competence in music.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Associate Dean David Horner, College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Associate Dean Sara Garver, College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Dr. David Kopplin, Music Department Interim Chair
Dr. Janine Riveire, Music Education/Credential Advisor (Music Department)

DISCUSSION:

The Academic Programs Committee has consulted with the resources listed above and discussed the proposal. There is administration and faculty consensus for the following:

1. The new program is superior in its coverage of essential skills and understandings, giving students much better opportunity to master the subject as deeply as needed to be successful as teachers. Some students in the B.A. program changed majors into the new program because of its strength.
2. There were no concerns within the faculty and staff in discontinuing the old program, once the new program was approved.
3. The new program is still meeting the standards, enabling the Department to keep their status as a Subject Matter Waiver Program.
4. The change did not negatively impact faculty or staff.

Essentially, since the B.M. program is approved, running, and easily accommodates the needs of the sunsetting B.A. program, there is no reason to keep the B.A. option in music education going. It is duplicative and does not in fact meet the CTC's requirements (it was allowed as a 1-year filler).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends adopting the proposal to discontinue the Music B.A – Music Education (Pre-Credential) Option.