

University Senate, March 2, 2009

**Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**

*Proposed Department Name Change:* From Speech Pathology and Audiology to Communication Disorders and Sciences.

*Proposed “New” Program: Business Administration – Music Business:* Currently, Music Business exists under Interdisciplinary Studies. There are two tracks: the Music Track, which has an audition requirement for admission, and the Business Track, which does not require an audition. This proposal would move the Business Track to the Department of Business Administration, and revise the requirements to parallel those of the other programs under Business Administration: Finance, Management, and Marketing. Refer to the separate program proposal for details.

*Proposed New Concentration in the School of Music – Community Music:* Refer to the separate program proposal for details.

*Informational Item – “Certificate” Programs:* The committee recently received a proposal for a “certificate” program. As envisioned by the proposing department, this was not to be an “official” university program, resulting in some designation on the transcript for those students completing the program. Rather, the department itself envisioned producing and awarding certificates to those students completing the program. Thus, the certificate would be awarded by the department, not by the university. However, the department wishes to mention the program in the catalog (and, one assumes, on the department’s website). This raises the issue of whether such “unofficial” programs should be permitted and, if so, what level of approval is necessary. The committee has asked for input from the VPAA and the Executive Committee of the Senate.

*Guidelines for the Use of Undergraduate Learning Assistants* – refer to separate attachment. The committee has prepared a draft for discussion by the University Senate. We are calling this “Draft 3;” we consider the document prepared by the ad hoc Committee on the Use of Undergraduate Learning Assistants to be Draft 1, and the “Guidelines for the Use of Undergraduate Learning Assistants at SUNY Fredonia,” promulgated last fall by Vice President Horvath, to be Draft 2.

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