

February 20, 2012

Mr. Richard P. Stevens
Director, Academic and Student Affairs
State University System of Florida
Board of Governors
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1614
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Dear Richard:

On January 17, 2012, the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees approved a new degree program, Bachelor of Music Education (BME) with a proposed implementation date of fall 2012. The proposal included a request to exceed the 120 hour credit limit for baccalaureate degree programs (BOG Regulation 8.014) and a request for limited access status (BOG Regulation 8.013).

The BME will be comprised of 134 credit hours, which is consistent with similar programs offered under CIP 13.1312, Music Teacher Education at FAMU, FAU, FSU, UCF, UF, UNF, and USF. An exemption to the 120 credit hour limit is needed because the BME includes 24 hours of professional education coursework required by the Florida Department of Education in addition to the coursework traditionally found in a baccalaureate degree program. The program is designed to meet National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) standards.

FGCU is also requesting limited access status for the BME as described in the enclosed Limited Access Program Request form. Limited access status is required because the program is of such a nature that applicants must be able to demonstrate, through an audition that they have the minimum skills necessary to benefit from matriculation to the program.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ronald B. Toll, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

c: Dr. Cathy Duff

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