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Office of the President
October 25, 2011

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Music with a major in Music Therapy degree (CIP Code: 51.2305, PROG: GS MM MUTR) in the College of Fine Arts, effective in the spring 2012 semester.

Background: The degree is designed to instill students with advanced competencies in the field of music therapy. These competencies, focused in the areas of clinical music therapy practice and research, are consistent with the university's mission of improving people's lives through excellence in education, research and creative work, service, and health care. Established as a collaborative effort between UK HealthCare and the School of Music, this program effectively blends all of the components of UK's mission. Upon completion of this program, students will be capable of serving as advanced-practice clinical music therapists or prepared to enter into doctoral programs in music therapy.

Music therapy education at the University of Kentucky is based on the premise that music therapists are called to provide competent and comprehensive services to every individual that they serve. As the field of music therapy has developed, the level of advanced skills required to provide services has expanded, so much so that the field is now considering establishing the master's level as the point for professional practice. Students who wish to train at the advanced level in music therapy currently have no options in the state of Kentucky, nor are there options in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, or Indiana. As a result, the graduate program in music therapy will meet an academic need both locally and regionally. Student requests for this type of program are strong.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the forty-five day review by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____