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February 23, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Bachelor of Music Degree
in Music Therapy

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP).

UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above at its meeting on March 19, 2009. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the members of the UCAP.

The request is to impose the moratorium effective Summer 2009 through Spring 2012.

The UCAP alone will consider this request and its recommendation will be sent to the Provost for final approval.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please call me at 5-8420.

Thank you for your help.

Attachments:

1. Request for a Moratorium form dated February 23, 2009; Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Therapy and attachments.



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Program Name: Music Therapy Degree Name: BMus Sequence Number: 4

Effective Dates: Spring 2009 - Spring 2012 Status: Interim Initial Action: Moratorium

Requested Date: 2/6/2009 5:02:39 PM

1. Department/School/College: 30598 College of Music

2. Name of Program: Music Therapy

3. Name of Degree: BMus

4. Type of Program: Major

5. Effective Start Semester: Spring 2009

Summer

Reason for Moratorium Request: Moratorium Record

Effective End Term: Spring 2012

Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s): All students who might be auditioning for the degree program

Suggested alternative major and major code for new admits: none

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved by: College of Music
2/6/2009 5:05:11 PM by Curtis Olson for James B. Forger, Director

SIGNOFFS STATUS

Signed Off by: Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education
2/17/2009 1:09:39 PM by Karen Glickman for Richard Prawat, Chairperson

Signed Off by: College of Education
2/17/2009 1:09:39 PM by Karen Glickman for Michael Sedlak, Associate Dean

No Response by: Department of Physiology

Signed Off by: College of Veterinary Medicine

2/9/2009 9:53:03 AM by Lori Headley for David Sprecher, Acting Associate Dean

No Response by: Department of Psychology

Signed Off by: College of Social Science

2/12/2009 4:59:15 PM by Thomas Summerhill for Thomas Summerhill, Acting Associate Dean

Comments: Approved after consultation with PSY.

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved by: College of Music

2/23/2009 11:06:27 AM by Curtis Olson for James B. Forger, Dean

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MSU College of Music ~ Music Therapy

- **The College of Music at Michigan State University has proposed placing a moratorium on its academic program in music therapy; the moratorium must be approved by university governance to take effect. All students currently in the program will be able to complete their degrees.**
- **The moratorium does not affect music therapy clinical services provided to families in mid-Michigan through the college's Community Music School; those programs will be maintained and expanded, with the possible extension of services to Detroit and southeast Michigan.**

About the moratorium:

- The academic program in music therapy currently includes one freshman, five sophomores, seven juniors, eight seniors, nine master's degree candidates, and four doctoral degree candidates (34 students total). The programs affected included the Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy, the Master of Music in Music Therapy, and the PhD in Music Education (Cognate in Music Therapy).
- All students currently in the program will be able to complete their degrees but no new students will be admitted for the 2009-10 academic year.
- Unprecedented financial pressures faced by the university are necessitating significant budget cuts; the College of Music wishes to preserve those highly interconnected programs that are most central to its core mission.
- A recent internal review of the academic program in music therapy recommended the addition of two new faculty members to increase the national competitiveness of the program and to develop its research profile. This step is impossible in the current economic climate.
- Enrollment in the program has been declining steadily over time.
- The academic program in music therapy is led by two faculty members with impending retirement dates.
- Academic degree programs in music therapy are available to Michigan residents at Western Michigan University and at Eastern Michigan University.

About MSU's music therapy clinical services:

- The moratorium does not affect music therapy clinical services provided to families in mid-Michigan through the college's Community Music School; those programs will be maintained and expanded, with the possible extension of services to Detroit and southeast Michigan.
- Music therapy clinical services are provided to clients with special needs throughout the mid-Michigan community. Special needs that are often effectively treated by music therapy techniques are those typically arising from medical illnesses, handicapping conditions (such as developmental disabilities,

physical impairments, emotional disturbances, autism, sensory impairments), specific learning disabilities, and aging. Services are offered in individual or group settings, as appropriate for the client's needs and abilities.

- Services are provided to more than 250 individuals each year.
- Services are provided at MSU's Community Music School, located in East Lansing. Additional services are provided in community settings through collaborations with Hospice of Lansing, Okemos Public Schools, and Peckham.
- The Community Music School sponsors the annual Eric "RicStar" Winter Music Therapy Camp, which provides opportunities for musical expression, enjoyment, and interaction for all people with special needs and their siblings.
- For more information about MSU's music therapy clinical services, please visit <http://www.cms.msu.edu/therapy.php>.

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