

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION  
concerning a  
MODIFICATION

of the

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM IN MUSIC  
at

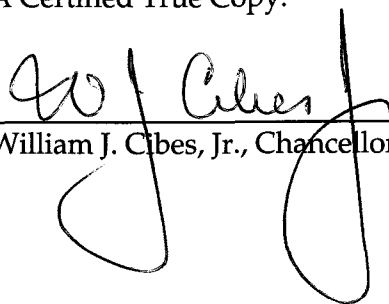
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

July 19, 2002

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Central Connecticut State University's proposal its Bachelor of Arts degree program in Music, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the president of Central Connecticut State University seek licensure and accreditation for this program and provide appropriate documentation to the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

**ITEM**

Modification of the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Music at Central Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

This modification provides a restructuring of the current course offerings in the undergraduate music program as a result of program self-study by university faculty and recommendations from the National Association of Schools of Music after a campus visit in 2001. It should be considered as the completion of the revamping of the entire Music program that included the Bachelor of Music degree in Performance submitted earlier this year and the existing Bachelor of Science in Music Education program.

**ANALYSIS**

This proposed change will bring the BA in Music program more in line with traditional Liberal Arts programs in Music. It also takes into account the needs of the students who choose Music as a major but do not wish to concentrate on the vigorous aspects of performance or music education. The department hopes to increase both enrollment and retention of students as a result of this modification.

This evolution now presents a traditional liberal arts program with a general education core of 45 credits, a decrease in the number of major credits from 60 to 38 (the specialization area was removed) and an increase in the number of electives from 17 to 39. No additional faculty are needed at this time and current resources are adequate. The program contains appropriate outcomes assessment and evaluation measures and will be reviewed according to the university schedule for program review. The program prepares graduates for advanced study or for career entry.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposal from Central Connecticut State University to modify the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Music.