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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate
FROM: Jean Standard, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Composition/Theory Emphasis Sequence

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate consideration the attached proposal from the School of Music for a new Composition/Theory Emphasis Sequence in the Major in Music, B.M.

The School of Music provided a reasonable rationale for adding this new sequence:

- If a student is interested in pursuing music theory, they currently have to take courses to complete the existing B.M. Composition Sequence. This new sequence will replace some of the requirements for the B.M. Composition Sequence with courses appropriate to music theory.
- Music theory is a recognized sub-discipline of music; there are Ph.D. programs in music theory across the country. School of Music students will have the opportunity to study upper division music theory and complete a research project in music theory. This new sequence will more adequately prepare a student who is interested in pursuing an advanced degree in music theory.

They also noted that the creation of the Composition/Theory Emphasis Sequence could potentially attract more students to the ISU School of Music. This would be a welcome change.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add this new sequence.

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