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University Curriculum Committee

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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate
FROM: Jean Standard, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Jazz Studies Sequence

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate consideration the attached proposal to add a new Jazz Studies Sequence in the Major in Music, B.M.

The School of Music requests the addition of the Jazz Studies Sequence “to prepare students to work professionally as a performer and/or an arranger composer in a variety of jazz and commercial music idioms including ensembles of various sizes and styles.” They provided the following rationale for adding the new sequence:

- Jazz is a unique style of music that requires significantly different training than our current programs offer.
- A number of musicians are drawn to this style and desire to pursue it at the collegiate and professional level.
- All peer institutions in Illinois offer jazz degree programs. With this sequence, the School of Music will be able to increase overall enrollment by recruiting from a new pool of students.
- To increase artistic diversity on campus.

The School of Music also proposed three new courses for this sequence.

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

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