The following is a synopsis of changes for the Bachelor of Arts (BA):

The BA in Music is ideal for the student seeking a double major, or just starting off in music. The revisions allow for more flexibility in performances and open up nine (9) credit hours of choice within the major program. Also, the revisions allow for three quarters of one-on-one instruction on the student's instrument, a hallmark of the School of Music's teaching practices, but one that has never been part of the BA until now. With the changes, the School of Music anticipates 10-15 new students a year to the major, who can be easily absorbed into the program with existing resources.

- Replace 21 hours of music theory with 18 hours of music theory.
- Aural training hours remain the same
- Musicology Area drops from 24 hours to 21 hours.
- Class Piano (4 hours), Music Performance (6 hours), and Music Elective (3 hours) become "Music Performance" (13 hours) and Additional Upper level Music Electives (9 hours).
- The overall total change is replacing 70 total hours with 73 total hours to come into line with the standards set by the accrediting agency, NASM, as stated on page 3 of the proposal

We thank you in advance for moving this proposal through the next appropriate steps, and look forward to its ultimate approval and implementation for fall of 2008. If you have questions about the proposed changes, please feel free to contact me at 292-5171 or through e-mail, mockabee.1415.

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