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Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

SUBJECT: UC 12756 14S: Proposal to Modify the C- Rule in the Moores School of Music

DATE: March 20, 2014

The Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 19 to consider a proposal to modify the C- Rule in the Moores School of Music. Participating in the discussion were committee members Christina Gola, Richard Scamell, and Lesley Sisk. Carrie Young attended the meeting as a guest.

The Moores School of Music offers three undergraduate degrees: a Bachelor of Music, a Bachelor of Music in Applied Music and a Bachelor of Arts in Music. A total of five different Bachelor of Music majors are offered: Music Theory, Composition, Elective Studies in Music Marketing, Elective Studies in Religion, and Elective Studies in Teacher Certification. The Bachelor of Arts in Music degree is a comprehensive liberal arts degree with a concentration in music and emphasis on academic coursework. The current catalog language http://catalog.uh.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=6&ent_oid=359&returnto=#C- describes the C- rule as requiring a minimum grade of C- for degree application and for advancement to the next course in theory, aural skills, class piano, and music theory sequences, with the exception of the final course in each sequence. **UC 12756 14S proposes that the C- rule be described as follows:**

For all MUSA (Applied Music), MUSI (Music), and MUED (Music Education) courses required for the music major or minor degree, with the exception of ensembles, students must earn a grade of C- or better in order to apply the course toward a Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts in Music, or a minor degree in music. Furthermore, a minimum grade of C- is required for advancement to the subsequent course in all sequential courses.

Recommendation

In effect, UC 12756 14S means that all students majoring in music or minoring in music must earn a C- or higher in all music courses included in their degree program. As a number of other fields of study across the university have similar requirements of its majors, the subcommittee supports the wishes of the faculty in the Moores School of Music to require at least a grade of C- for students pursuing degrees related to music.