

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Music and Theater Arts is proposing a credit bearing certificate in Songwriting. The 18-credit certificate is designed to provide students from any major with an interest in songwriting, but do not want to pursue a comprehensive major in Composition. The certificate provides a diversification of curriculum and introduces composition in contemporary genres. The certificate aligns with the university mission of expanding the curriculum, as well as potentially serving as a recruiting tool for students with this interest area.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Relationship to existing certificates and/or music majors

Pros of Recommendation:

Students across a variety of disciplines could complete the certificate. The students who complete the certificate will have the opportunity to have their songs recorded in the Pablo Center Recording Studio. The certificate will complement other related programs, such as the Recording Arts certificate, the Creating Writing Major, and various music majors.

Cons of Recommendation:

Students pursuing a Music Major cannot use this certificate to meet graduation requirements but could complete the certificate as an additional program beyond graduation requirements.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None. The department has sufficient staffing and resources are available to support the certificate. The certificate introduces one new course; all other courses are offered at least yearly.

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the credit bearing certificate in: Songwriting to be administered by the Department of Music and Theater Arts.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on February 14, 2023 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Department of Music and Theater Arts will offer a credit bearing certificate: Certificate in Songwriting (Code XXX-XXX) starting with the 2023/24 AY.

Implementation Date: 23/24 catalog

Signed: _____

Chair of the Committee

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