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Dear Professor Hofer:

The NASM Commission on Accreditation, at its June 2011 meetings, voted to continue Mesa State College in good standing. The enclosed Commission Action Report provides the official description of this action and, if applicable, any requests for additional information. A copy of the Commission Action Report is being sent to the individuals listed below, along with a notice of NASM policies regarding strict confidentiality.

A copy of the NASM Visitors' Report is enclosed.

This action is taken upon review of Mesa State College according to accreditation standards in effect in June of 2011. As a member of NASM, the institution is responsible for participating in all revisions and additions to the standards as well as maintaining its curricular programs in music current with NASM standards as these are developed.

Please accept our congratulations on behalf of the Association.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Hope
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Tim Foster, President
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COMMISSION ACTION REPORT

This document provides the official action of the Commission as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

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Action:

The Commission voted to approve the application and continue the institution in good standing with the degree listing indicated below.

The Commission also took action regarding new curriculum, as outlined elsewhere in this report.

NASM Degree Listing:

Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.
Bachelor of Arts in Music (Liberal Arts).
Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance.
Bachelor of Arts in Music with Elective Studies in Business.

Next Full Review:

2020-2021 Academic Year

New Curriculum:

The Commission voted to grant Final Approval for Listing for the following degree:

Bachelor of Arts in Music (Liberal Arts).

Recommendation:

In addition to and separate from the accreditation action outlined above, the Commission wishes to transmit the following recommendation:

While the Optional Response indicates that the institution appears to have taken tangible steps to address the Recommendations for Short-Term Improvement as found in the Visitors' Report (page 11), the response does not address one of the two Primary Futures Issues cited in the Visitors' Report

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(page 12) concerning the need for a more strategic approach to staffing instrumental ensembles in ways that do not place undue expectations on the students, cited twice elsewhere in the report. The institution is encouraged to review this information as it continues efforts regarding futures planning.

This recommendation is made in order to assist the development of the music program at Mesa State College. The institution is under no obligation to respond to the Commission concerning the above recommendation.

Commendations:

The Commission commends the institution for its thoughtful Optional Response, and for the actions and planning associated with the Standards Summary and the Short-Term Recommendations in the Visitors' Report (page 11). The Commission further commends the institution for its new degree offering which has broad and flexible coverage of music, and appears to complement the other degree tracks currently in place.

Samuel Hope
Executive Director

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