

## IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Documents Reviewed: Proposal for PhD in Music Technology

Summary of Proposal:

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

Yes. The proposal seeks to establish a new PhD degree program in the area of Music Technology. The School appears well positioned to make an impact in this field (there are only two other similar programs in the country). A convincing justification of the need/demand for this program is provided, and appropriate resources are in place.

2. Is the program academically sound?

The doctorate is a research degree. Thus, it is striking that the proposed program is heavily focused on didactic course work. Only 12 credit hours of research are required, all of which will apparently take place during the final year of the program. Perhaps this is typical for this discipline, but the department should justify whether this level of research permits meaningful scholarly activity.

The sample plan of study that is provided lists 54 credit hours of didactic course work, in addition to 30 credit hours of coursework required for the MS degree. The nature of the MS curriculum is not described. Is it entirely distinct from the PhD program?

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

It appears so. Two new courses are proposed, which are currently being prepared for review by the GAC. The bulk of the proposed curriculum is already in place. Hence, the 8 participating faculty should be able to support this new program.

The proposal seeks to admit 1-2 students/yr in order to achieve a steady-state of ~8 students (ie – 1 student/faculty member). Initial funding will be derived from the School of Engineering and Technology (1 slot) and funds available from the grad school for new programs. In addition, the department has a base budget of \$76,000 for graduate student support that can also be utilized (although presumably at the expense of the existing MS program).

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

None identified.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

A couple minor comments:

-A list of 8 participating faculty are listed on pages 12/13, but this is listed as 7 faculty on page 16.

-The dissertation research course is variably referred to as N699 (page 10) and G599 (page 11). 699 is a Purdue designation? Although not explicitly stated, this is presumably a proposal to establish an IU doctoral degree program?

Recommend approval pending satisfactory responses to the questions raised above.