

Board Meeting  
March 13, 2007

CONSOLIDATE DOCTORAL DEGREES IN MUSIC EDUCATION,  
COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Consolidation of Doctoral Degrees in Music Education in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to consolidate the doctoral degrees in music education.

The University currently offers two types of doctoral degrees for students specializing in music education: the Ed.D. (offered in the College of Fine and Applied Arts) and the Ph.D. (offered in the College of Education). This proposal seeks to move the administration and all academic aspects of the Ph.D. from the College of Education to the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

The impetus for moving the administration of the Ph.D. to the School of Music in the College of Fine and Applied Arts is to allow the degree to more effectively compete with similar degrees offered internationally, and to encourage a larger proportion of music education doctoral students to undertake a research-oriented degree. In addition, an increasing awareness that the leaders in the discipline of music education

require a more tailored doctoral degree that includes a substantial research dissertation has prompted the move.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University concurs. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.