

**Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Sept. 30, 2013**

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The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

There was a discussion of the proposed Master's of Music program, and accompanying motion to delete the current Master's of Arts in Music. All were impressed that the Music Department was able to reach a unanimous decision on these programs. There was some discussion of whether there would be problems identifying an academic home for students doing an interdisciplinary M.A. with a focus in music. Dean Eichelberger noted that all interdisciplinary degrees have academic homes, and this one would be in the Music Department. The folks in the Music Department are aware of the hurdles of identifying a graduate advisor and committee members in advance. GAAC approved the program to establish a Master's of Music Program and approved the deletion of the Master's of Arts in Music Program.

Most of the rest of the meeting was devoted to discussion of a new policy for graduate students to walk-through graduation, brought forward by the graduate school. While GAAC members were generally in favor of clarifying the process for students, various problems with the wording in the draft resolution were identified. The graduate school will revise their proposal for a future meeting, in accordance with the suggestions that GAAC members made.

One course proposal was passed: **1-Trial: [COUN F694 - Ethnicity and Family Studies](#)**.
Some new assignments for review