

Shepherd College Board of Governors  
March 11, 2004  
Agenda Item No. 8

### **Intent to Plan and Budget for Master of Music, Music Education**

Shepherd College proposes a thirty credit Master of Education Degree in Music Education. This degree will be designed to improve the expertise of music teachers by providing them with advanced studies on the graduate level.

All courses, except for the practicum in this Master of Music, Music Education Program will be three credit hours. Individual professors will determine the criteria for evaluation, however it is expected that these professors will utilize varied methods of instruction and assessment including private applied instruction, readings, WebCt, technology, examinations, research papers, recitals, concerts, and relevant field based assignments. One consistent requirement across all courses within the program will focus on the need to meet program objectives. It is expected that all courses will also be theory and action oriented.

All students will be required to successfully complete a nine-hour core that focuses on the history, theory and research within the field. All students will also be required to successfully complete nine hours in education, including two education pedagogy courses and three one hour practicum courses.

Students must also choose a nine-credit area of specialization with emphasis in elementary, choral, band, or orchestra.

Finally, students must successfully complete a three-credit culminating recital project that may include conducting or accompanying performances or a thesis.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd College Board of Governors approves the Intent to Plan for a Master of Music, Music Education and directs the President to file the Intent to Plan with the Chancellor for approval.