

**Board of Trustees
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
December 4, 2015**

Action Item

BOT – 3 Request to Discontinue the Music Research Institute

Background Information

The Music Research institute (MRI) was approved by the Board of Trustees on November 18, 2004 as a research center housed within the School of Music, now the School of Music, Theatre and Dance. The purpose of the MRI was to develop an active research program devoted to understanding the phenomenon of music and focused primarily on music education and music psychology.

Since the MRI was established, the founding director of the MRI, Dr. Don Hodges, has retired. In addition, the School of Music has reorganized and is now the School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Following discussions regarding future directions of the MRI between the Dean of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance and the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, it has been decided that a center structure is not needed to accomplish its original goals and the center structure should be dissolved. There is no current director and it is inactive, so the phase-out of any activities previously associated with the center into existing structures with the School Music, Theatre and Dance is not required. The MRI currently has no budget, no staff, receives no state funds and has no exiting contracts/grants. Any future activities previously associated with the center will be planned and organized within the School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

Recommended Action

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve the discontinuation of the Music Research Institute.



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