

## AGENDA ITEM

A-2. UNC Degree Program Establishments.....Kimberly van Noort

**Situation:** UNC Wilmington requests authorization to establish the following program:

- Bachelor of Music in Music Education (CIP 13.1312)

Elizabeth City State University requests authorization to establish the following program:

- Bachelor of Science in Special Education (CIP 13.1001)

**Background:** Per UNC 400.1, UNC General Administration, in consultation with the campuses, brings recommendations to the UNC Board of Governors for new degree programs that meet identified academic program needs.

Board action is required to re-instate these degree programs, which were discontinued in error in March 2016 and May 2015.

**Assessment:** Establishment of the programs is recommended.

**Action:** This item requires a vote by the committee, with a vote by the full Board of Governors through the consent agenda.

**Request for Authorization to Establish the  
Bachelor of Music in Music Education at  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington**

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington has requested establishment of the BM in Music Education (CIP 13.1312).

The BM in Music Education degree program was first established at UNC Wilmington in 1990. In March 2016, the BM in Music Education was included in error among several UNCW education degree programs that were discontinued. These actions were taken such that students pursuing teacher licensure would do so through the various content area degree programs; however, this approach is not possible with the BA in Music because the curriculum cannot accommodate the depth of requirements for music educators to demonstrate mastery. Board action is required to reinstate the program.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve UNC Wilmington's request to establish the BM in Music Education.

**Request for Authorization to Establish the  
Bachelor of Science in Special Education at  
Elizabeth City State University**

Elizabeth City State University has requested establishment of the **Bachelor of Science in Special Education** (CIP 131001).

The Bachelor of Science in Special Education degree program was first established at Elizabeth City State University in 1978. In December 2016, the Elizabeth City State University Task Force presented its report with the revitalization of the education programs as a priority. The Bachelor of Science in Special Education was included in error among several ECSU education degree programs that were discontinued in March 2016. The regional demand for special education teacher training and the recent Task Force recommendations speak to the need for this degree. Board action is required to reinstate the program.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve Elizabeth City State University's request to establish the Bachelor of Science in Special Education.