

Report of the Commission on Accreditation

**National Association of Schools of Music
November 2018**

NEW MEMBERS

Subsequent to action by the Commission on Accreditation in November 201, NASM is pleased to welcome the following institutions as new members:

INSTITUTIONS GRANTED ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Doane University
1014 Boswell Avenue
Crete, Nebraska 68333

Jay Gilbert
Chair, Department of Music

INSTITUTIONS GRANTED MEMBERSHIP:

Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Boulevard
Hayward, California 94545

Deonne Wu
Dean of Arts, Media and Communication

Formal Commission Report. The official report of actions taken by the NASM Commission on Accreditation at its meetings of November 2018 begins on the following page.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE ACCREDITATION**

Kevin J. Dobreff, Chair

November 2018

After positive action by the Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation, the following institution was granted Membership:

Chabot College

Action was deferred on three (3) institutions applying for Membership.

After positive action by the Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation, the following institution continued in good standing:

**Community College of Rhode Island
Hillsborough Community College**

Action was deferred on one (1) institution applying for renewal of Membership.

Progress reports were accepted from three (3) institutions recently continued in good standing.

Action was deferred on one (1) program submitted for Plan Approval.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION

Michael D. Wilder, *Chair*

Peter T. Witte, *Associate Chair*

November 2018

After positive action by the Commission on Accreditation, the following institutions were granted Associate Membership:

Doane University

After positive action by the Commission on Accreditation, the following institutions were granted renewal of Membership:

**Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Chapman University
The Colburn School
Converse College
Duquesne University
Ithaca College
Kentucky State University
Louisiana Tech University
Maryville University of Saint Louis
Morehouse College
Northern Arizona University
Prairie View A&M University
Tennessee State University
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Kentucky
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of South Dakota
University of Tampa**

Action was deferred on six (6) institutions applying for Membership.

Three (3) institution were granted Membership.

Action was deferred on forty-four (44) institutions applying for renewal of Membership.

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Progress Reports were accepted from one (1) institution recently granted Associate Membership.

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Progress Reports were accepted from sixteen (16) institutions recently granted renewal of Membership.

Four (4) institutions were granted Basic Listing.

Four (4) applications were approved for Substantive Change.

One hundred one (101) programs were granted Plan Approval.

Action was deferred on fifty-seven (57) programs submitted for Plan Approval.

Progress Reports were accepted from one (1) institution concerning programs recently granted Plan Approval.

Twenty-six (26) programs were granted Final Approval for Listing.

Action was deferred on fourteen (14) programs submitted for Final Approval for Listing.

Three (3) institutions were notified regarding failure to submit the 2017-18 HEADS Data Survey.

Four (4) institutions were granted second-year postponements for re-evaluation.

Three (3) institutions was granted a third-year postponement for re-evaluation.

Five (5) institutions (Armstrong State University, Calvin College, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, McNally Smith College of Music, University of Colorado Denver) withdrew from Membership during the 2017-18 academic year.

EXPLANATION OF DEFERRAL

In the accreditation process, the Commission often finds a situation in which an institution cannot be given initial accreditation or renewal of accreditation on the basis of evidence presented. This may be because the institution already does not meet the standards as outlined in the *NASM Handbook*, or because the institution does not appear to meet the standards as outlined in the *NASM Handbook*, or because sufficient information has not been provided.

Rather than take a negative action on the application (deny accreditation or place the institution on probation), the Commission defers any action until certain conditions are met which clarify the situation and/or bring the institution into compliance. Deferral is not a negative action, but a mechanism for dialogue between the Commission and an institution.

Member institutions with applications deferred continue their current membership status, and maintain all rights and responsibilities of Membership. Deferral does not mean that an institution has lost its accreditation, nor its right to vote during the Annual Meeting, nor its listing in the *NASM Directory*. It simply indicates that the institution has one or more issues that need to be addressed, reviewed, or explained in more detail before the institution's application can be approved.

There is no public notice of deferral by institution name. Letters reporting accreditation actions are sent only to the music executive and to the president of the institution. The NASM staff does not discuss an institution's status or application with anyone other than the music executive or other administrative officials of the institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact the National Office if we may provide further clarification or information concerning the actions of the Commission.

Thank you.