

Colorado State University

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE

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Music Student Advisory Committee

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Zoom

5:15 PM

Notes

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Dr. Dan Goble, Director, SMTD
 - Sandra Sanchez, Admin Assistant for SMTD
 - Leah Dunphey
 - John Friskney
 - Riley Gallivan
 - Brandon Graese
 - Brenna Hudson
 - Kathryn Kennedy
 - Beatrice Lincke

- **Fall 2021**
 - Department of Music Student Advisory Council
 - Thanks to all for volunteering to serve on the Student Music Advisory Council.
 - Those students elected for the Spring 2021 semester will continue through the 2021-22 academic year.
 - If any of you graduate between now and then, we will hold an election to fill the vacant spot, but the intention will be to continue with this current student advisory council through the 2021-22 academic year.
 - CSU and SMTD COVID-19 Policies
 - Policies for Fall 2021 have not been determined as of this meeting
 - SMTD leadership will meet with the CSU Pandemic Preparedness Team (PPT) in May to discuss policies for Fall 2021

- **Department of Music Initiatives**
 - **Instrumental Rehearsal Hall (IRH) Acoustical Upgrade**
 - A donor has pledged \$875,000 to upgrade the acoustics in IRH

- Russ Cooper of JaffeHolden Acoustics, a leading worldwide firm, is designing the project
 - Completion is scheduled for summer of 2022 or 2023, pending final budget
- **Questions**
 - With the covid restrictions lifting in Larimer County, will students be able to take part in F2F lessons, practicums, live performances, etc. again?
 - We will know more once we meet with the PPT.
 - Once we have Fall 2021 policies in place, all SMTD students will be notified via email, and any changes will be posted on the SMTD website.
 - What will live performances look like if we get that permission?
 - We will know more once we meet with the PPT and also receive guidance from CSU Events.
 - We are hoping for a limited return of live performances, based on CSU Event guidance.
 - Will the marching band be able to play as they normally did?
 - We will know more once we meet with the PPT.
 - If I've been vaccinated, and tell my instructor that I have been vaccinated, will my instructor and I be able to have F2F lessons and/or, can I do my practicum in person?
 - At the present time CSU is not mandating vaccinations.
 - CSU faculty and staff are not allowed to ask students if they have been vaccinated.
 - Policies for vaccinated individuals, if they volunteer the information, are pending PPT guidance.
 - Will practice rooms be more available in the fall? It's been really difficult to reserve them because of the 30 minute air exchange times.
 - Pending PPT guidance, there could be changes to the practice room reservation procedures, noting that each room requires 30 minutes of air exchange, allowing the HEPA filters to do their job.
- **Other**
 - How does the department increase their diversity and multi-culturalism among the faculty they hire? It seems like we do not see enough diversity among our instructors.
 - When there are openings for faculty and staff positions, SMTD conducts searches per strict Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) search and hiring policies.
 - SMTD is working diligently to address diversity and multi-culturalism in its academic programs and artistic programming. For example, the newly revised Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy degree program no longer requires students to study and play a traditional orchestral instrument, providing an opportunity to attract a diverse cohort of students.
 - Through programmatic changes like this, we hope to attract a more diverse applicant pool as position vacancies occur.