

December 20, 2022

Dear GCSU Campus and Community,

On Dec. 16, 2022, Georgia College and State University received notification that our National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) accreditation has been renewed for another ten years thru the 2031-2032 academic year. This renewal of our accreditation marks a truly transitional period since our initial NASM membership in 1955 with our multiple changes in our degree programs over the past five years and the return of the music therapy program to the Music Department under the COAS in July 2020. We started our preparation for submitting the NASM Self-Study in the Fall of 2019. We persevered with this re-accreditation process during the most turbulent times in higher education with the pandemic and our ongoing Covid-19 health concerns.

This successful re-accreditation would not be possible without the hard work of the music faculty and staff, and the entire Georgia College campus and community. The support from the administration (Academic Affairs, Finance and the President's Office), the College of Arts and Sciences and various supporting departments/areas (Facilities, Library, OIRE) were critical for us reaching this goal.

Our NASM re-accreditation represents Georgia College's commitment to providing a nationally recognized program that offers our students the opportunity to achieve excellence, think independently and lead creatively for the future.

Thank you for your continued support of the Music Department and our efforts to enrich the lives of our students, the campus and the community. Go Bobcats and have wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don N. Parker".

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