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COMMISSION ACTION REPORT

This document provides the official action of the Commission as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

December 20, 2024

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Department of Music

Action:

Action 1 of 1: Application for renewal of Membership – Response

The Commission voted to accept the Response and grant renewal of Membership with the degree listing indicated below.

NASM Degree Listing:

Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Bachelor of Music Education (Instrumental, Keyboard/Instrumental, Keyboard/Vocal, Vocal).

Bachelor of Musical Arts.

Master of Music in Music Education (Distance Learning).

Next Full Review:

2032-2033 Academic Year

Note:

Should the institution offer curricular programs which fall under the purview of NASM that are delivered through distance learning means, the institution is asked to note that NASM's standards pertaining to distance learning were amended recently (see *NASM Handbook 2024-25*, Standards for Accreditation III.H.). The institution is asked to review current standards with regard to the delivery of coursework through distance learning means, ensuring that compliance with standards is maintained by the institution. Although the entirety of III.H. should be reviewed, the institution is asked to note in particular that 1) all programs of study falling under the purview of NASM delivered entirely or partially away from regular face-to-face interactions must be submitted for review by NASM; and 2) institutions must provide, in institutional publications as appropriate, a listing, or designation, or indication of all music programs offered either entirely or partially through distance learning means. Further, the institution must designate in publications whether required courses are offered through distance learning and/or on ground in-person means. The institution is asked to refer to the *NASM Handbook 2024-25*, Standards for Accreditation



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III.H. when released (and in the interim, the NASM *Handbook 2023-24* and Addenda to the NASM *Handbook* approved in November of 2022, 2023, and 2024). Should questions arise, the institution is asked to contact the staff in the National Office.

Commendation:

The Commission commends the institution for its Response.

Completion of Process:

The acceptance of this Response brings to a close the comprehensive evaluation process that began in 2023. NASM appreciates the institution's extraordinary efforts clearly evident in its application. To assist with future planning, the institution may wish to note that its next comprehensive review is scheduled to be conducted during the 2032-2033 academic year.

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