Institutions Surveyed--Music Review

In 2006-2007, I reviewed several institutions which had music programs. Within the last few weeks, I have reviewed the institutions once more and added an additional one (Manatee) to the review.

North Florida Community College (NFCC)

- Music Program at NFCC was restructured in Spring, 2009. Music classes are offered through the Community Education Department and not through the Music Department. The Music Department no longer exists.
- The change to the program eliminated the full-time faculty music position.
- The college credit Humanities Music is no longer offered at NFCC. General Humanities replaced it in Spring, 2009.
- Please note when I contacted Dr. Burkhart at NFCC in 2006-07, she indicated that she had only 7 students enrolled in voice, the Music Theory course did not make since there was too little student interest, no student had transferred to major in music at FSU since she had been with the program, and students who plan to transfer to universities will take longer to complete the program since they lack fundamental courses in music.

Pensacola Junior College (PJC)

- As a four year institution, PJC has a thriving Music and Theater Department; the department has a staff of 5 full-time instructors and 19 adjuncts. Students can earn an AA with concentration in Music. In this degree, students earn their 36 Gen Ed hours with the remaining 24 hours devoted totally to credit earning music courses. However, the catalog also indicates that because of all the specialized music courses required during the first two years, the AA in music will include from 10-20 more hours depending on needs of the student.
- According to the PJC catalog, the “program is designed to provide students with basic skills and concepts in the field of music and to prepare the student completely for transfer to an upper-level institution.” Emphasis is placed upon meeting with an adviser to align PJC’s program with the intended institution of transfer—the degree is not described as a “terminal” degree that prepares one for the workforce.
- PJC requires the following of all entering music majors:
  - Students must audition in their principal instrument or voice
  - If a student’s auditions indicate deficiencies, the student may be placed in the 1211 series or the 1311 series for non-credit to reach the majors level of performance.
  - Students must take a Music Theory Placement Exam. Students who lack proficiency in music fundamentals will be required to take a basic fundamentals music theory course.
Santa Fe College:

- I have not had an opportunity to talk to someone at Santa Fe. However, their website provided a good deal of information and indicated growth in their fine and performing arts program.
- Santa Fe recently added an AA degree with an emphasis in music. “Students will be able to concentrate in either instrumental or vocal areas, with applied music classes in brass, piano, voice, woodwinds and percussion. Complete four-semester tracks in music theory and class piano will allow for the successful transfer of music students from Santa Fe College to music major programs at four year institutions.”
- Some of their courses are offered only once in every two year cycle.
- Santa Fe is currently building a $17.2 million Fine Arts Building. This building will house dance, music, theater and the visual arts as well as a 600 seat state-of-the-art hall. The performing groups (Theater Santa Fe, Madrigal Singers, Dance Theatre, the touring pep band, etc.) also will be housed in this building.
- Students must take a diagnostic exam for Placement in Music Theory.
- Twenty full fine arts scholarships (tuitions, books, supplies) are available for students.

State College of Florida Manatee Sarasota:

- Manatee is currently in the process of completing the high-tech Art and Design Building and major renovation of the Music and Theater Building.
- Manatee offers an AA Program Music General/Performance/Composition/Theory/Jazz Studies/History and Appreciation track. All students must take a Placement Test in Music Theory. Students who are not successful take MUT 1001.
- Manatee also offers an AA Program Education-Music.
- Music programs include Music Education.
- Manatee offers 2 Music Certified Programs: a Certificate of Musical Skills and a Certificate of Musical Performance. These programs are described as coursework for a university parallel program.
  - The certificate of Musical Skills requires completion of a minimum of 35 semester hours in music courses with a GPA of 3.0.
  - The Certificate of Musical Performance requires the minimum of 35 semester hours in music course with a GPA of 3.0 plus a public presentation of a solo recital.
Florida State University:

- On March 18, I spoke with Dr. Ted Stanley, Program Director for Undergraduate Studies in Music at FSU. (I detailed the results of our conversation in the Music Review 2006-2007 Report.)
- Dr. Stanley indicated the following in our conversation:
  - Only a few students remain in the Music COOP program
  - Administration of the program became unwieldy
  - COOP program was not as popular for several reasons, including the following:
    - Financial Aid was a major hassle--FSU administrators and TCC advisers did not understand the program of 6 plus 6.
    - Admissions required submission of paperwork every term--another hassle
    - Scheduling was a major issue--TCC students scheduled for classes last--Time conflicts
    - Housing issues for students
    - Students had difficulty navigating the systems
- When asked how we could work together to meet the needs of the potential music majors, Dr. Stanley indicated the following:
  - Aside from creating our own freshmen/sophomore program for music majors which would be extremely expensive, he recommended that TCC offer a theory course for non majors and offer World Music since all music majors are required to take this course. TCC does offer the World Music Course.
  - Dr. Stanley also indicated that the ensemble course were beneficial, and I explained that we offer the African Drum and Dance Ensemble.