**From:** Rebecca Lautar   
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 5:42 PM  
**To:** Maria Jennings  
**Subject:** Documentation for BME

The Department of Music in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and the College of Education have agreed to change the title of the current Bachelor of Arts in Music Education degree (or BAE) to the more professional title Bachelor of Music in Education (BME). FAU’s music accreditation body, the National Association of Schools of Music, recognizes the Bachelor of Music as a professional degree; the Bachelor of Arts is a designation for liberal arts degrees, and is not considered to be a professional title. Currently several SUS institutions offer the title BME for the same CIP code that our BA is using, as documented in the proposal. Drs. Ridener and Bristor from the College of Education, and Rebecca Lautar from the Department of Music met with Dr. Alperin to discuss the concept of the proposal. Dr. Bristor writes below that support.

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**Subject:** Music Education

Hi Everyone!

I asked Diane Alperin about the BME. She agrees that it is more of a title change than a new degree and can go through an "expedited" process.

She recommends a meeting with Michele Hawkins ([mhawkins@fau.edu](mailto:mhawkins@fau.edu)) , Associate Provost for Assessment and Programs, to confirm what steps are needed.

If you let me know the attendees from each department for this meeting, I will be glad to ask Terry Rossi to help set it up with Michele.

Val