

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

and the

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Re. Masterclasses in the Faculty of Music

Whereas, in the 2014-2015 academic year the Faculty of Music introduced the “Family” and “General” masterclasses as non-credit options for students to provide unique opportunities for students outside of their regular course work; and

Whereas, the “Family” and “General” masterclasses did not replace the for-credit studio masterclasses; and

Whereas, the attendance at the “Family” and “General” masterclasses was not intended to be mandatory, and

Whereas, studio masterclasses contribute to the final grade in a course, and therefore attendance is mandatory; and

Whereas, there has been inconsistency in the application of the attendance structure for the “Family” and “General” masterclasses; and

Whereas, the WLUFA Full-time Faculty and Professional Librarians Collective Agreement (2017-2020) and the WLUFA Contract Academic Staff Collective Agreement (2016-2019) defines bargaining unit work as that providing instruction in a degree credit course;

The Parties agree that effective September 1, 2017, the “Family” and “General” masterclasses are discontinued, and masterclasses, workshops and general assemblies will be offered as follows:

Studio Masterclasses will be increased from seven to eight per term using the time allotment formula based on individual instruction hours as usual. **Attendance at these Masterclasses remains mandatory and will comprise part of the student’s final grade.**

Workshops will be not-for-credit offerings planned by Area Coordinators and can take any form beneficial to students. Examples include performance opportunities, discussions on practicing, the benefits of mindfulness and meditation, improvisation, health, well-being and self-care for musicians, field trips and so forth. When workshops are not provided by full-time faculty they will be offered to CAS members or outside experts as appropriate. **Attendance at these Workshops will be strongly encouraged but is not mandatory and will not comprise part of the student’s final grade.** Full-time faculty and CAS are not required to attend unless they are the presenters.

Master Classes

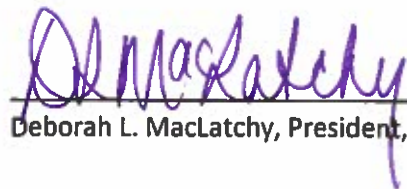
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General Assemblies offer unique opportunities for learning outside regular coursework. Topics will be selected by the Area Coordinators as a group and based on past and ongoing requests and suggestions from students and faculty. Presenters in this lecture series will have specialized qualifications for the topic(s) to be addressed. **Attendance at these General Assemblies will be strongly encouraged but is not mandatory and will not comprise part of the student's final grade.** Full-time faculty and CAS are not required to attend unless they are the presenters.

These changes will be reflected in the updated Student Handbook for 2017-18.

For the University


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AUG 24 2017

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For WLUFA


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AUG 31, 2017

Date