Recommendation of the Department of Music and the School of Fine Arts to establish a Center for General Music in accordance with UWM policies and procedures and pursuant to UWS ACIS-1.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Center for General Music will be to provide an administrative structure for the delivery of educational services to in-service teachers as well as regular undergraduate and graduate music education students.

Within the music education profession 'general music' is a category used to describe K-12 course and experiences other than traditional performing ensemble classes such as band, choir and orchestra.

The Center will create an identity and a focus for activity. It will serve as a Center for curricular reform with particular emphasis on the problems of urban education. It will represent the latest and best efforts in the field of General Music and will expand traditional general music methodology to include:

- new areas of technology - MIDI computers, video, electric instruments, etc.
- multi-cultural needs
- early childhood education
- adult enrichment
- non-traditional music performance

The Center will attract grant monies and gifts. It will also generate some monies for the purchase of instruments and resources for the Center Resource Lab. The Center will attract students and teachers both regionally and nationally. Some will take coursework as a means of upgrading their teaching certification while others will pursue a master's degree. The Center will offer music experiences for the non-musician which are both educational and recreational. These offerings will have national appeal.

This document has been approved by Interim Chancellor John H. Schroeder and Acting Vice Chancellor Kenneth Watters and is presented to the Faculty Senate for information only.