

**BYLAWS**  
University of Louisville  
School of Music

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this unit shall be the University of Louisville School of Music.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The University of Louisville School of Music's mission is to educate and inspire musical leaders, practitioners, and advocates, and serve as a cultural resource for the university and community.

~~The University of Louisville School of Music is committed to providing innovative musical leadership and to expanding its role as an outstanding cultural and educational resource for the university and community. Our programs reflect diversity, innovation, and creativity and a commitment to excellence throughout our artistic, educational, research, and professional activities.~~

*(School of Music Mission Statement, Spring ~~2016~~2025)*

The School of Music aspires to cultivate a diverse community of musicians while fostering creativity, innovation, and excellence through transformative musical education. We strive for a future in which music transcends boundaries, enriching lives and cultures, and where our graduates create a positive impact on the global music landscape.

*(School of Music Vision Statement, Spring 2025)*

ARTICLE III. FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The faculty shall consist of tenured, tenure-track (probationary), or term-contract (non-tenurable) faculty who hold the rank of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor in the School of Music. Faculty shall also include lecturers as appointed by contract by the Dean.

Section 2. All full-time members of the faculty may vote on all issues brought before them, except that only full-time tenured and probationary faculty may vote on tenure and promotion, following the procedures outlined in the Policy Manual.

Section 3. Faculty in Phased Retirement shall retain voting privileges.

Section 4. Emeritus faculty shall not have voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND STAFF

Section 1. The chief academic and administrative officer of the unit shall be the Dean of the School of Music. The Dean shall provide leadership to the School, working with the faculty and staff to formulate strategies in order to achieve University and unit goals.

Section 2. The Dean shall be responsible for establishing the administrative organization of the School and may recommend to the Provost the Board appointment of administrative personnel to assist in conducting the business of the unit.

Section 3. The School of Music staff shall comprise individuals employed to do tasks necessary to the operation of the School.

#### ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the faculty shall be held according to a schedule determined by the Dean and published before the beginning of the first week of classes. Special meetings on a specific agenda topic may be convened at the written request of a majority of voting members of the faculty. On such occasions, written and/or electronic notification of the meeting shall take place at least three working days prior to the special meeting.

Section 2. A quorum shall consist of 67% of voting members. In deciding issues not related to amendment of the governance documents, voting shall take place by show of hands, or other sign if requested by a voting member of the body. Approval of motions not related to amendment of the governance documents shall require one-half the number of eligible voters present at the meeting plus one additional vote.

Section 3. On questions concerning the conduct of business, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority.

#### ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any proposed amendments to School of Music governance documents shall be considered by the faculty in written form. Such proposals shall be discussed in at least one faculty meeting, and the final version of the proposal shall be distributed to faculty in paper form or electronically within 48 hours after the meeting in which such discussion takes place.

Section 2. Amendments shall require votes cast by at least 80% of faculty eligible to vote. Approval shall require an affirmative vote of 67% of the number voting.

Section 3. Votes shall be taken by either paper ballots submitted in signed envelopes or electronic ballots.

Section 4. Voting shall take place by written ballot within seven days of distribution of the amendment, with the provisos that, 1) this meeting shall follow the discussion meeting by a period of at least 10 calendar days, and 2) no further discussion will be permitted at this meeting. In cases where it is deemed unnecessary or impractical to convene a second meeting for the purpose of voting, such as at the end of a spring semester, the Dean may request that ballots be submitted directly to the Assistant to the Dean by an appointed date which shall be after a 10 calendar day interim. Such ballots may also be submitted by fax, although such ballots must be signed. "Absentee ballot" shall be understood to be written instruction to vote, and not any specific form.

Section 5. Absentee ballots on governance issues will be accepted by mail or fax until the end of business on the fourth business day following the vote. If by mail, they must be submitted in a separate, signed envelope. If by fax, they must be signed.

#### ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Specified responsibilities of School of Music governance shall be carried out by committees constituted from the faculty. Standing committees of the faculty shall be specified in the School of Music Policy Manual.

Section 2. Ad hoc committees may be constituted by the Dean for a specific purpose and duration.

#### ARTICLE VIII. AUTHORITY

Section 1. Governance documents of the School of Music shall include the Bylaws and the School of Music Policy Manual. In all matters of policy, the governance documents of the School of Music shall not be in conflict with university policy as defined in The Redbook.

Section 2. These Bylaws shall be in force in combination with the School of Music Policy Manual.

## CERTIFICATION

These Bylaws were approved by the faculty in May 2006. Revised in May 2008. Revised in February 2013; approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2013. Mission Statement revised in April 2016; approved by the Acting President on 15 Sept 2016. Revised in January 2023; approved by Faculty Senate on 01 March 2023; approved by the Board of Trustees 22 June 2023.