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COMMISSION ACTION REPORT

This document provides the official action of the Commission as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

November 13, 2015

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
School of Art

Actions:

Action 1 of 2: Application for renewal of Membership – Original

The Commission voted to grant renewal of Membership with the degree listing indicated below.

The Commission requests a Progress Report addressing the issues cited below.

NASAD Degree Listing:

Bachelor of Arts-4 years: Art History; Studio Art.

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Art Education; Studio Art (2-D, 3-D, Photography).

Master of Arts-2 years: Art Education; Art History.

Master of Fine Arts-2 years: 3-D; Drawing; Painting; Photography; Printmaking; Visual Communication.

Doctor of Philosophy-6 years: Art History and Education.

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Film and Video Production.

Next Full Review:

2024-2025 Academic Year

Items for Progress Report:

1. With regard to ventilation in the painting and ceramics studios, the Commission acknowledges that the School of Art is working proactively within the University to resolve ongoing issues. The Commission requests documentation of the resolution of the ventilation problems cited in the Visitors' Report (pages 6 and 28). Documentation may take the form of photographs, a clinical hygienist's report, contracts, or any combination that will demonstrate that the issues cited in the Visitors' Report (page 34) and acknowledged by the institution in the Optional Response (page 6) are substantially resolved and that the institution meets NASAD standards related to health and safety (see *NASAD Handbook 2014-15*, Standards for Accreditation, II.F.1.d., g., h. and i.).

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2. The Commission notes that in 2004, the institution requested Plan Approval for a Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Film and Video Production, although Final Approval for listing has not yet been granted as transcripts have not been provided. Because that degree was neither included in the Self-Study nor discussed in the Visitors' Report, the Commission requests an update regarding the status of the degree. If the degree is still offered, an application for renewal of Plan Approval or Final Approval for Listing should be forwarded to NASAD. If needed, the NASAD documents *Policies and Procedures for Reviews of New Curricula* and *Instructions for Preparing Curricular Tables in the NASAD Format* may be downloaded from the NASAD website at <http://nasad.arts-accredit.org> (see "Publications," "Accreditation Procedures and Documents," and beneath that "Other Procedures Related to the Accreditation Process").
3. The institution's Self-Study projected that changes would be made to several degree titles after such changes were approved by the appropriate institutional body. Anticipated modifications include changing Art Education to Art and Visual Culture, changing 3-D to 3-D and Extended Media, and changing Visual Communication to Illustration and Design. The institution is requested to forward information about these title changes including confirmation of any changes made to the content of the degree programs. The institution is reminded that substantial changes in title may cause the need for applications for Substantive Change. For example, the institution appears to be projecting a change of the title from "Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communication" to "Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration and Design." As such, it would appear that the institution would be offering a double major and that the degree would need to meet NASAD standards for majors in both illustration and for visual communication. Similarly, the Commission may need to review the content of the modified "3-D and Extended Media" and "Art and Visual Culture" degrees.

Action 2 of 2: Applications for Final Approval for Listing – Original

The Commission voted to grant Final Approval for Listing for the following degrees:

Master of Arts-2 years: Art History.

Doctor of Philosophy-6 years: Art History and Education.

Due Date:

September 1 for consideration at the Commission meetings of October 2016.

The *Procedures for Submitting Responses and Progress Reports* may be downloaded from the NASAD website at <http://nasad.arts-accredit.org> (see "Accreditation Procedures" and beneath that, "Other Procedures").

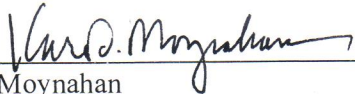
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Note:

The institution is encouraged to contact the National Office for assistance in preparing its Progress Report, particularly with regard to Item 1 in Action 1 above.

Commendation:

The Commission commends the institution for its thorough and well-organized Self-Study, its excellent Optional Response, and its immediate attention to areas of concern cited in the Visitors' Report.



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NASAD Handbook

RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

PART II: ARTICLE XIII DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

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