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Dear Professor Greene and Dean Kowalchuk:

The NASAD Commission on Accreditation, at its October 2012 meetings, voted to continue the University of Kansas in good standing. The enclosed Commission Action Report provides the official description of this action and, if applicable, any requests for additional information. A copy of the Commission Action Report is being sent to the individuals listed below, along with a notice of NASAD policies regarding strict confidentiality.

This action is taken upon review of the University of Kansas according to accreditation standards in effect in October of 2012. As a member of NASAD, the institution is responsible for participating in all revisions and additions to the standards as well as maintaining its curricular programs in the visual arts and design current with NASAD standards as these are developed.

Please accept our congratulations on behalf of the Association.

With best wishes for the success of your program, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
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Enclosure

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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Department of Art History

Action:

The Commission voted to approve the application and continue the institution in good standing with the degree listing indicated below.

The Commission requests a progress report addressing the issues cited below.

The Commission also took action regarding new curricula, as outlined elsewhere in this report.

NASAD Degree Listing:

Bachelor of General Studies – 4 years: Art History.
Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Art History.
Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Visual Art (General); Art History; Ceramics; Industrial Design; Metallurgy; Textiles/Fiber; Visual Communications.
Bachelor of Art Education – 4 years: Visual Art Education (Non-Licensure).
Bachelor of Art Education/Graduate Certificate – 5 years: Art Education (Licensure).
Master of Arts – 1 to 2 years: Design Management; Interaction Design; Visual Art Education (Exam, Thesis); Art History (European/American, East Asian).
Master of Fine Arts – 2 to 3 years: Visual Art.
Doctor of Philosophy – 3 years: Art History (European/American, East Asian).
Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Visual Art.
Bachelor of Fine Arts — 4 years: Illustration and Animation; Environmental Design; Photo Media.

Next Full Review:

2021-2022 Academic Year

Items for Progress Report:

1. The Commission requests a report regarding ongoing HVAC issues in ceramics, sculpture (welding areas), and the Common Shop. As an example, dust is still apparent in the wood shops during periods
of heavy usage. Scheduling the Common Shop among the various users is also an issue; therefore, the Commission seeks a report on coordination and ventilation concerning the Common Shop as well (see Visitors' Report, page 23; Optional Response, page 7; NASAD Handbook 2012-13, item II.F.1.c. and g.).

2. Student/faculty ratios in some disciplines (Illustration 40:1, Visual Communication 37:1, Photo Media 27:1) are high and, while sometimes they can be ameliorated by the use of adjuncts, they should be addressed on a more permanent basis to facilitate advising and curricular development (see Visitors' Report, page 23; Optional Response, page 7; NASAD Handbook 2012-13, item II.E.5.). The report should provide the results of a study of this issue.

Due Date for Progress Report:

March 1 for consideration at the Commission meetings of April 2013.

The Procedures for Submitting Responses and Progress Reports may be downloaded from the NASAD Web site at http://nasad.arts-accredit.org (see “Publications,” “Accreditation Procedures and Documents,” and beneath that “Other Procedures Related to the Accreditation Process”).

New Curricula:

1. The Commission voted to grant Plan Approval for the following degrees:

   Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Photo Media; Illustration and Animation; Environmental Design.

   As three transcripts become available for each of these programs, the institution should submit applications for Final Approval for Listing. Instructions for submitting Final Approval for Listing applications are found in Policies and Procedures for Reviews of New Curricula. This document may be downloaded from the NASAD Web site at http://nasad.arts-accredit.org (see “Publications,” “Accreditation Procedures and Documents,” and beneath that “Other Procedures Related to the Accreditation Process”).

2. The Commission voted to grant Final Approval for Listing for the following degree:

   Bachelor of General Studies – 4 years: Art History.

3. The Commission voted to grant Plan Approval and Final Approval for Listing for the following degree:
Master of Arts – 1 to 2 years: Design Management; Interaction Design.

Notes:

The Commission notes that there were not sufficient transcripts to review for the following degrees:

Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Illustration and Animation; Environmental Design.
Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Visual Art. (Only one transcript was provided.)

Recommendation:

In addition to and separate from the accreditation action outlined above, the Commission wishes to transmit the following recommendation:

Because of the number and variety of colleges responsible for the various components of the institution's aggregate art and design program, the Commission suggests that the institution consider developing a communication plan and activating it to provide means for facilitating discussion and resolution of ongoing and overlapping issues as they occur among the departments.

This recommendation is made in order to assist the development of the art and design program at the University of Kansas. The institution is under no obligation to respond to the Commission concerning the above recommendation.

Commendation:

The Commission commends the institution for the extensive cooperative work required in the accreditation process, particularly in a climate of administrative changes. Advising, in particular, appears to be successful for students in light of the numerous curricular changes underway.

Samuel Hope
Executive Director

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