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Dear Professor Siskar:


The NASAD Commission on Accreditation, at its April 2007 meetings, voted to grant Associate Membership to Buffalo State College. 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 Buffalo State College according to accreditation standards in effect in April of 2007. 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,



Samuel Hope
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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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.

May 17, 2007

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE
Department of Design

Action:

The Commission voted to accept the response and grant Associate Membership 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 Arts – 4 years: Art.

Bachelor of Science – 4 years: Art Education; Design (Ceramic Design, Communication Design, Computer Textile Design for Industry, Fiber Design, Furniture Design, Jewelry Design, Theatre Design).

Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Design (Ceramic Design, Communication Design, Fiber Design, Furniture Design, Interior Design, Jewelry Design); Painting; Photography; Printmaking; Sculpture.

Master of Arts – 2 years: Art Conservation.

Master of Science in Education – 2 years: Art Education.

Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Art History.

Next Full Review:

2011-2012 Academic Year

Items for Progress Report:

1. The Commission notes the progress made in the development and implementation of the Common Foundations Program (CFP). Ensuring that all incoming visual arts freshmen have places in two designated foundations courses is an excellent beginning to a multiyear implementation process. Staffing the courses and coordinating the program has yet to be resolved even though many fewer positions have been identified as being necessary at this time. The Commission requests a Progress

Report on the hiring of faculty and a coordinator (see Progress Report dated March 1, 2007, pages 4-5; NASAD *Handbook 2007-2008*, item II.E.2.).

2. It appears that identifying and preparing a new space for sculpture in Upton Hall will address safety issues and provide for improved cohesion within the sculpture environment. Since ventilation has been a problem in the past facilities, the Commission requests documentation of the completion of the project and documentation that safety issues have been resolved (see Progress Report of March 1, 2007, page 5; NASAD *Handbook 2007-2008*, section II.F.).

Due Date for Progress Report:

March 1 for consideration at the Commission meetings of April 2008.

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

New Curriculum:

The Commission voted to grant Plan Approval for the following degree:

Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Art History.

When three transcripts are available for this program, the institution should submit an application 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" and, beneath that, "Accreditation Procedures").

Recommendation:

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

The unit should continue to monitor the enrollment numbers in the areas of wood and fibers, which still appear low in relation to the department total enrollment.

This recommendation is made in order to assist the development of the art/design program at Buffalo State College. The institution is under no obligation to respond to the Commission concerning the above recommendation.

Commendation:

The Commission commends the institution for the elimination of the pre-design major. This appears to be a potential solution to the large attrition rate in this area.



Samuel Hope
Executive Director

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