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Dear Professor Ganis:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its October 2014 meetings, took action on the institution's application.

Please find enclosed a Commission Action Report describing this action in detail. This Report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Commission. Please note the Association's policy regarding *Disclosure and Confidentiality*, a copy of which has been enclosed. As requested by the institution, a copy of this Report is being forwarded to the individual listed below.

This action is taken based upon a review of Indiana State University according to the NASAD accreditation standards in effect in October of 2014.

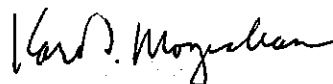
As an accredited institutional member of NASAD, the institution is reminded of its responsibility to participate in reviews and revisions to the NASAD *Handbook*, and to maintain its operations and programs current with NASAD standards as these are developed and approved.

The Commission on Accreditation and the Association appreciate the institution's efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NASAD accreditation standards and guidelines. Further, the Commission and Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution on behalf of the visual arts and design and higher education.

Please contact the NASAD National Office staff if you have questions, or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Karen P. Moynahan
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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, 2014

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Art and Design

Action:

The Commission voted to continue the current Membership status of the institution and to seek further information before completing its work with the application for renewal of Membership. This deferral by the Commission is not a negative action. Rather, it enables consideration of issues and concerns by the institution and the Commission within the framework of the present Self-Study and on-site visit.

The institution is asked to respond to the concerns below.

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

Items for Response:

1. The institution is requested to provide evidence demonstrating that the NASAD standard concerning an appropriate number of faculty members is met, including the successful hire from the institution's current search for a full-time position in Graphic Design (see Visitors' Report, page 6; Optional Response, page 3; *NASAD Handbook 2013-14*, II.B.1.a.).
2. The Commission notes that work is underway to address the following facilities issues: a) the repair and redeployment of one of the two large gas kilns; b) air quality and ventilation in the ceramics studio; and c) an appropriate solution to the installation of the CNC Plasma Cutter. The Commission requests that the institution provide additional information concerning these efforts, including a projected completion time (see Visitors' Report, page 6, 7, and 8; Optional Response, page 4; *NASAD Handbook 2013-14*, II.F.1.).
3. The Commission notes that work is underway to address the leaking and flooding in Fairbanks Hall. The institution should provide a response that includes additional information concerning these efforts, including a projected timeline for completion (see Visitors' Report, page 8; Optional Response, page 5; *NASAD Handbook 2013-14*, II.F.).
4. The institution is requested to provide evidence demonstrating that the NASAD standard concerning portfolio reviews (upon entry and/or prior to completion of 50% of the degree), is being met by its plan

to implement a new review process during the 2015-16 academic year (see Visitors' Report, pages 8, 9; Optional Response, page 5; NASAD *Handbook 2013-14*, V.D.4.).

5. The institution is requested to provide evidence demonstrating that the NASAD standards concerning the minimum number of graduate-level courses (one-half intended for graduate students only) for the Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees are being met by its plan to add a required Graduate Seminar Class, as well as updating its listing and meeting time practices during the 2015-16 academic year (see Visitors' Report, pages 19, 20, and 21; Optional Response, pages 9, 10; NASAD *Handbook 2013-14*, XVI.A.2.).

Due Date for Response:

March 1 for consideration at the Commission meetings of April 2015.

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

New Curricula:

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

Bachelor of Science – 4 years: Art (Intermedia).

Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Fine Arts (Intermedia).

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 "Accreditation Procedures" and beneath that, "Other Procedures").

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

Item for Progress Report:

Given state requirements for credit hours, the Commission notes that the institution has plans to reduce the number of required credit hours for its Bachelor of Science in Art (Intermedia). Although the number of current credit hours for this degree is higher than NASAD's recommendations, the institution is under no NASAD obligation to reduce these credit hours. If, however, the institution chooses to continue with its plans to reduce these credit hours, the Commission requests a Progress Report as to the

effect of those reductions on student learning (see Visitors' Report, page 18; Optional Response, page 8; NASAD *Handbook 2013-14*, IV.C.4.).

Due Date for Progress Report:

March 1 for consideration at the Commission meetings of April 2015.

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

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

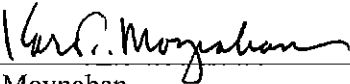
Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: 2-D Arts; 3-D Arts; Graphic Design.

3. The Commission voted to grant Basic Listing for the following program:

◇ Community School for the Arts.

Note:

The Commission notes that based upon the current program as outlined in the Self-Study, the Community School for the Arts is eligible for Basic Listing (see Self-Study, page 31; Visitors' Report, page 11; Optional Response, page 1; NASAD *Handbook 2013-14*, XVIII.A. and E.).



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Executive Director

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Explanation of Deferral

In the accreditation process, the Commission on Accreditation often finds a situation in which an institution cannot be granted initial accreditation or renewal of accreditation on the basis of evidence presented. This may be because the institution clearly does not meet the standards as outlined in the *NASAD Handbook*, or because sufficient information has not been provided.

Rather than deny accreditation or place the institution on probation, the Commission defers any action until certain conditions are met that clarify the situation and/or bring the institution into compliance. Deferral is not a negative action, but rather a mechanism for dialogue between the Commission and an institution. The deferral concept is intended to prevent short review cycles and to obviate the need for other review procedures that would be expensive to the institution.

Member institutions whose applications are deferred continue their current membership status and maintain all rights and responsibilities of Membership. Deferral does not mean that an institution has lost its accreditation, or its right to vote during the Annual Meeting, or its listing in the *NASAD Directory*. Deferral simply indicates that the institution has one or more issues that need to be addressed, reviewed, or explained in more detail before the institution's application can be approved.

There is no public notice of deferral. Letters reporting accreditation actions are sent only to the art/design executive, to the chief executive officer of the institution, and to the designated institutional representative to NASAD if someone other than the art/design executive. The NASAD National Office staff does not discuss an institution's status or application with anyone other than the art/design executive or other designated administrative officials of the institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact the National Office staff if we may provide further clarification or information concerning the actions of the Commission.

Thank you.

NASAD Handbook

RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

ARTICLE XIII

DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Section 1. NASAD provides numerous services that include the publication of policy statements, reports, and surveys. These are available to the public for a fee. Upon request, NASAD will provide the academic and professional qualifications of the members of its policy and decision-making bodies and its administrative personnel.

Section 2. Upon request, NASAD will make publicly available all information about an institution that is published in the NASAD Directory (see Article XI, Section 3.). NASAD will also indicate whether or not an institution holds or has held accredited membership.

Section 3. NASAD will not make publicly available any information supplied by the institution or by representatives of NASAD in the course of the accreditation process. This includes Self-Studies, Visitors' Reports, and correspondence. While NASAD encourages institutions to make publicly available information about their accredited status and to share accreditation materials with individuals and agencies having legitimate claim to information beyond that available to the general public, the Association regards all accreditation materials as the property of the institution. Therefore, release of these materials is either through the institution or by its permission.

Section 4. If an institution releases information that misrepresents or distorts any action by NASAD with respect to any aspect of the accreditation process, or the status of affiliation with NASAD, the chief executive officer of the institution and the program director, where applicable, will be notified and informed that corrective action must be taken. If the misrepresentation or distortion is not promptly corrected, NASAD, at its discretion, may release a public statement in such a form and content, as it deems necessary to provide the correct information.

Section 5. Certain relationships yield information which legally cannot be disclosed without the consent of the person who provides it—for example, the relationship between physician and patient, between attorney and client, between clergy and penitent, etc. Should such information, or other information that is protected under law by a comparable privilege or safeguard, come into the hands of NASAD or an NASAD evaluation team, its disclosure to persons other than the immediate recipients is forbidden.