Oregon State University

ISSUE

BFA in Applied Visual Arts at OSU-Cascades

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Problems:

- The BFA in Applied Visual Arts, an undergraduate degree program which has been offered at OSU-Cascades since AY 2005-06, never completed the review and implementation process.

- An MOU proposal was developed by OSU-Cascades and submitted to the Curriculum Council for their review and approval in March 2008. The Curriculum Council granted approval, but the approval was for the BFA in Printing and Drawing rather than BFA in Applied Visual Arts. [Note: The Office of Planning and Assessment should have notified the Department of Art and OSU-Cascades that OSU-Main does not offer a degree program in Printing and Drawing. The title of the MOU should have been BFA in Applied Visual Arts.]

- The Curriculum Council’s approval of the MOU cannot be located in the Curriculum Council’s minutes or in the Curriculum Council’s annual report for AY 2007-08.

- There is no evidence that the Registrar’s Office attempted to implement the approved “extension” of the program from OSU-Main to OSU-Cascades.

- OSU has, to date, awarded 26 BFA in Applied Visual Arts degrees, ostensibly from OSU-Cascades, but actually from OSU-Main. Another five students are scheduled to receive the BFA in Applied Visual Arts at the June commencement based on courses completed at OSU-Cascades.

- Since implementation was never officially completed in Banner SIS, OSU-Cascades has not been authorized to offer the BFA in Applied Visual Arts. In addition, they are not receiving credit for degree completions. OSU-Main has been receiving the completions credit. [Note: OSU-Cascades does not award degrees, but the way Banner is configured currently, it would appear as though the students completed all of their course work in Corvallis as opposed to Bend.]

Solution:

- Acknowledge the fact that the BFA in Applied Visual Arts has been successfully operating at OSU-Cascades since AY 2005-06 (with an average of five to six degree completions per year).

- Reaffirm the Curriculum Council’s vote of March 2008 approving the extension of the BFA in Applied Visual Arts, even though the title of the MOU proposal was BFA in Printing and Drawing.

- Recommend that OSU-Cascades consider adding a Printing and Drawing Option to the BFA in Applied Visual Arts degree program (Category II proposal). Both the major and the option would then be transcript visible.

Support:

- OSU-Cascades wishes to continue offering the BFA in Applied Visual Arts degree program.

- The Department of Art (soon to disappear) and the School of Arts and Communication (soon to appear), have indicated their continued support for the BFA in Applied Visual Arts degree program being offered at OSU–Cascades (see the attached email from Marion Rossi).
Email Regarding the Curriculum Council’s Approval of the BFA in Printing and Drawing Proposal from John Lee, Chair of the Curriculum Council (2008)

On Behalf Of John Lee  
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:54 PM  
To: Leslie, Susie  
Cc: curric@lists.oregonstate.edu  
Subject: MOUs with OSU Cascades

Hi, Susie:  

The CC vote was 9 yes and 0 no on both the ID and BFA MOU with OSU Cascades. I believe you said that CC approval was the final step. If so it is done.  
How does OSU Cascades get notification? Do you do it?  

Have a good week,  
John

Email in Support of the MOU from Sandy Brooke (2008)

Email in Support of the BFA in Applied Visual Arts Being Offered by OSU-Cascades from Marion Rossi (5-30-2012)

Good Day All----The (proposed) School of Arts and Communication and the Art Area of the OSU-Main campus supports the OSU-Cascades offering of a BFA in Applied Visual Arts with the same stipulations as articulated in the MOU for a BFA in Painting and Drawing drafted/signed in February 2008. For all obvious reasons (student needs and expectations, faculty planning and development, etc.) we urge swift resolution to the current situation based on our previous deliberations/input and the thorough process undertaken for the approval of the previous memorandum of understanding. Thank you.

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