

May 29, 2018

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Dear Professor Mittman:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its April 2018 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.

This action is taken based upon a review of California State University, Chico according to the NASAD accreditation standards in effect in April 2018.

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
Executive Director
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Enclosure

cc: Gayle Hutchinson, President
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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.

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Action:

Action 1 of 1: Application for renewal of Membership – Response

The Commission voted to accept the Response and 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 (Art Education, Art History); Art Studio (Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing, Glass Art, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture); Communication Design (Graphic Design).

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 ½ years: Art Studio (Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing, Glass Art, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture); Interior Architecture.

Master of Arts-2 years: Art History.

Master of Fine Arts-3 years: Art Studio (Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing, Glass Art, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture).

Next Full Review:

2025-2026 Academic Year

Items for Progress Report:

1. The Commission recognizes the institution's plan to replace the existing Bachelor of Arts in Communication Design (Graphic Design) with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Design (see Response to Commission Action Report, p. 1). The institution is asked to submit an application for Plan Approval for the new program and include a plan and timeline to address the status of students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Design (Graphic Design)

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degree program. Instructions for submitting Plan Approval applications are found in the NASAD documents *Policies and Procedures for Reviews of New Curricula* and *Instructions for Preparing Curricular Tables in the NASAD Format*. These documents may be downloaded from the NASAD website at <https://nasad.arts-accredit.org> (see "Accreditation," beneath that "Accreditation Materials," beneath that "Procedures," and beneath that "New Curricula").

2. The Commission requests information, current at the time of reply, outlining implementation including any pending timeline, and the impact the proposed cross-departmental course, Introduction to Digital Photography and Imaging, has had on the unit's operations, including any effect to reduce curricular duplication.

Due Date:

March 1 for consideration at the Commission meetings of April 2019.

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



Karen P. Moynahan
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RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

**PART II: 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, some 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.

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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-Study reports, Visitors' Reports, and correspondence. While NASAD encourages institutions/programs 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. NASAD will not make publicly available any information provided in third-party comment or an institution's response to third-party comment or any correspondence related to third-party comment (see Rules of Practice and Procedure, Part II., Article IV., Section 1.).

Section 5. 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 by the NASAD Executive Director 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.

The same rule and sequence are applied to individuals and organizations misrepresenting or distorting accreditation actions of NASAD.

NASAD reserves the right to correct false or misleading information at any time.

Section 6. 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.