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Graduate Program Review

President's Decisions and Recommendations

Deletion

Program: Master of Arts in Art
 Department Maintain:
 Dean Merrion: Terminate
Recommendation: Graduate Program Review Team: Discontinue
 Provost Delene: Eliminate
 Appeals Committee: Unanimous vote to not support continuation
 President Bailey: Delete

Enrollment: 03-04 26 students
 04-05 29 students
 05-06 3 students

Rationale: All reviewers beyond department level recommended closure. This recommendation is not a reflection on the quality of the program faculty; quite the contrary. The Review Team concern is that continuation of the program has the potential to drain faculty time and energy from other graduate and undergraduate programs. Dean is concerned the program currently lacks programmatic focus and identity. Dean further indicates a lack of resources to offer a degree program of distinction. The Appeals Committee asserted that the department's "proposed changes to the program, while compelling in some ways, seem too extensive to warrant implementation without a full curricular review as a new program."

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal to delete the Master of Arts in Art degree. Deletion of the program becomes effective at the conclusion of the 2011-12 academic year or the last graduation date of any currently enrolled students, whichever comes first.

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