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# Graduate Program Review

## President's Decisions and Recommendations

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### Suspension

**Program:** Master of Fine Arts in Art  
 Department: Continuation  
 Dean Merrion: Suspend degree until it can be resourced  
 Graduate Program Review Team: Suspend until Fall 2009; re-evaluate academic year 08-09

**Recommendation:** Provost Delene: Eliminate  
 Appeals Committee: Suspend for three years to allow the school to demonstrate its commitment to the program  
 President Bailey: Suspend until Fall 2009; re-evaluate in academic year 08-09

**Enrollment:** 03-04 4 students  
 04-05 7 students  
 05-06 8 students

**Rationale:** General consensus among all reviewers was to suspend program for three years to allow for transition into new facilities, resource generation and reallocation of faculty time to fully support distinctive MFA in Art.

**Recommendation:** Program suspension and re-evaluation in 2008-09. During this interim, the program must: re-design the program and create an invigorated curriculum with strong student appeal; develop a staffing plan for graduate courses, graduate committees, and program coordination among extant faculty; and identify a studio solution for students and an external funding source for assistantships. No board action required.

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