November 13, 2008

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Dear Professors Pagani, Callis, and Miller:

The NASAD Commission on Accreditation, at its October 2008 meetings, voted to continue University of Alabama in good standing. The enclosed Commission Action Report provides the official description of this action and, if applicable, any requests for additional information. A copy of the Commission Action Report is being sent to the individuals listed below, along with a notice of NASAD policies regarding strict confidentiality.

This action is taken upon review of University of Alabama according to accreditation standards in effect in October of 2008. As a member of NASAD, the institution is responsible for participating in all revisions and additions to the standards as well as maintaining its curricular programs in the visual arts and design current with NASAD standards as these are developed.

Please accept our congratulations on behalf of the Association.

With best wishes for the success of your program, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Samuel Hope  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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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, 2008  

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
Book Arts Program  
Department of Art and Art History  
Department of Clothing, Textiles, and Interior Design  

Action:  

The Commission voted to accept the response and continue the institution in good standing with the degree listing indicated below.  

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

NASAD Degree Listing:  

Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Art History (General); Studio Art (General).  
Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Studio Art (Ceramics, Digital Media, Painting, Photography,  
Printmaking, Sculpture).  
Bachelor of Science – 4 years: Human Environmental Sciences (Apparel and Textiles [Apparel  
Design], Interior Design).  
Master of Arts – 1 1/2 years: Art History; Studio Art.  
Master of Fine Arts – 3 years: Book Arts; Studio Art (Ceramics, Painting, Photography, Printmaking,  
Sculpture).  
Master of Arts - 1 1/2 to 2 years: Book Arts.  

Next Full Review:  

2017-2018 Academic Year  

New Curricula:  

1. The Commission voted to accept the response and grant Plan Approval for the following degree:  

   Master of Arts – 1 1/2 to 2 years: Book Arts.  

When two transcripts are available for this program, the institution should submit an application 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 “Publications” and, beneath that, “Accreditation Procedures”).

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

   Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Studio Art (Digital Media).

**Notes:**

1. The Commission notes the institution has withdrawn its application for Plan and Final Approval for Listing for the degree programs Bachelor of Arts – 4 years: Art History (Arts Administration); Studio Art (Arts Administration).

2. The Commission notes that the degree Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Studio Art (Digital Media) was initially submitted as a Bachelor of Fine Arts – 4 years: Studio Art (Graphic Design). The degree has evolved into a digital media concentration, and ample documentation of the program was submitted.

**Commendations:**

The Commission commends the institution for an exemplary response to all items listed in the Commission Action Report dated May 15, 2008. The progress with health and safety concerns was immediate and effective. The review of the standards for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts degree programs was detailed, and the changes put in place should yield visible results in the quality of student work. The support the institution has shown for maintaining and improving the quality of these programs for its students is indeed commendable.

The Commission further commends the institution for the thoroughness of its response regarding specific curricula.

Samuel Hope  
Executive Director  
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ARTICLE XIII

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