

Graduate Council Resolution

Graduate Council Resolution in support of a Reasonable and Moderate Extension for the addition of a Design Concentration to the Master of Fine Arts in the School of Art & Design

RATIONALE

Whereas, the School of Art and Design within the College of Liberal Arts is proposing the addition of a concentration in Design to the Master of Fine Arts degree; and

Whereas, the Design concentration will afford MFA candidates with opportunities to work collaboratively with undergraduate art and design students, design faculty, and corporate sponsors; and

Whereas, the MFA thesis will include an interdisciplinary component, industry collaborator, and the development of a business plan which may lead to entrepreneurial opportunities and creative positions within the industry; and

Whereas, no peer or regional university is presently offering an interdisciplinary Design MFA similar to the one being proposed; and

Whereas, enrollment is projected to be 2 graduate students within the first 2 years, expanding to 5 graduate students in 5 years, and students are expected to be able to complete the MFA within 2 to 4 years; and

Whereas, no additional costs are anticipated for the addition of the Design concentration to the MFA degree;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the RME for the addition of a Design concentration to the Master of Fine Arts degree in the School of Art & Design.

Date of Approval 3/12/2015

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