

Report of the Commission on Accreditation

National Association of Schools of Art and Design
October 2004

NEW MEMBERS

Following action by the Commission on Accreditation in October 2004, NASAD is pleased to welcome the following eight institutions as new members:

Associate Members:

Boise State University

1910 University Drive
Boise, ID 83725-1510

Richard A. Young, *Chair*
Department of Art

Emporia State University

1200 Commercial Street
Emporia, KS 66801

Elaine O. Henry, *Chair*
Department of Art

Saint John's University

8000 Utopia Parkway
Jamaica, NY 11439-0002

Paul Fabozzi, *Chairperson*
Department of Fine Arts

University of Saint Francis

2701 Spring Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Rick Cartwright, *Dean*
School of Creative Arts

University of Toledo

620 Grove Place
Toledo, OH 43620-1515

David Guip, *Chair*
Center for Visual Arts

Members with Single Professional Program Accreditation:

Georgia Institute of Technology

247 Fourth Street, Northwest
Atlanta, GA 30332-0155

Wayne Chung, *Interim Chair*
Program of Industrial Design

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, NC 27695-7701

Bryan Lafitte, *Chair*
Department of Industrial Design

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, IN 46556

Dennis P. Doordan, *Chairperson*
Department of Art, Art History and Design
306 Riley Hall

A detailed report of actions taken by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation at its meetings of October 2004 follows.

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Raymond Allen, *Chair*

After positive action by the Commission on Accreditation, the following institutions were granted Associate Membership as Accredited Institutional Members:

**Boise State University
Emporia State University
Saint John's University
University of Saint Francis
University of Toledo**

Progress reports were accepted from four (4) institutions and acknowledged from one (1) institution recently granted Associate Membership.

After positive action by the Commission on Accreditation, the following institutions were granted Membership as Accredited Institutional Members:

**California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Casper College
Mount Ida College
Nicholls State University
Virginia State University**

After positive action by the Commission on Accreditation, the following institutions were granted Membership with Single Professional Program Accreditation:

**Georgia Institute of Technology
North Carolina State University
University of Notre Dame**

Action was deferred on four (4) institutions applying for Membership.

Progress reports were accepted from five (5) institutions and acknowledged from two (2) institutions recently granted Membership.

After positive action by the Commission on Accreditation, the following institutions were continued in good standing as Institutional Accredited Members:

**Academy of Art University
Auburn University
Institute of American Indian Arts
Jacksonville State University
Pacific Northwest College of Art
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Siena Heights University
University of Arizona
University of Cincinnati
University of Connecticut
Valdosta State University
Virginia Commonwealth University**

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Action was deferred on eleven (11) institutions applying for renewal of Membership.

Progress reports were accepted from ten (10) institutions, acknowledged from two (2) institutions, and tabled from one (1) institution from recently continued in good standing.

Forty-three (43) programs were granted Plan Approval.

Action was deferred on thirty-five (35) programs submitted for Plan Approval.

Progress reports were accepted from three (3) institutions recently granted Plan Approval.

Twenty-eight (28) programs were granted Final Approval for Listing.

Action was deferred on twenty (20) programs submitted for Final Approval for Listing.

Three (3) institutions were granted postponements for re-evaluation.

One (1) institution was notified regarding failure to pay an outstanding invoice.

EXPLANATION OF DEFERRAL

In the accreditation process, the Commission on Accreditation often finds a situation in which an institution cannot be granted initial accreditation or renewal of accreditation on the basis of evidence presented. This may be because the institution already does not meet the standards as outlined in the *NASAD Handbook*, or because the institution does not appear to meet the standards as outlined in the *NASAD Handbook*, or because sufficient information has not been provided.

Rather than take a negative action on the application (deny accreditation or place the institution on probation), the Commission defers any action until certain conditions are met which clarify the situation and/or bring the institution into compliance. Deferral is not a negative action, but rather a mechanism for dialogue between the Commission and an institution.

Member institutions with applications deferred continue their current membership status, and maintain all rights and responsibilities of Membership. Deferral does not mean that an institution has lost its accreditation, or its right to vote during the Annual Meeting, or its listing in the *NASAD Directory*. It simply indicates that the institution has one or more issues that need to be addressed, reviewed, or explained in more detail before the institution's application can be approved.

There is no public notice of deferral. Communications reporting accreditation actions are sent only to the art and design executive and to the president of the institution. The NASAD staff does not discuss an institution's status or application with anyone other than the art and design executive or other administrative officials of the institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact the National Office staff if we may provide further clarification or information concerning the actions of the Commission.

Thank you.