

# Report of the Commission on Accreditation

National Association of Schools of Art and Design  
October 2004

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## 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*

**University of Saint Francis**

2701 Spring Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Rick Cartwright, *Dean*  
*School of Creative Arts*

**Emporia State University**

1200 Commercial Street  
Emporia, KS 66801

Elaine O. Henry, *Chair*  
*Department of Art*

**University of Toledo**

620 Grove Place  
Toledo, OH 43620-1515

David Guip, *Chair*  
*Center for Visual Arts*

**Saint John's University**

8000 Utopia Parkway  
Jamaica, NY 11439-0002

Paul Fabozzi, *Chairperson*  
*Department of Fine 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*

**University of Notre Dame**

Notre Dame, IN 46556

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

**North Carolina State University**

Raleigh, NC 27695-7701

Bryan Lafitte, *Chair*  
*Department of Industrial Design*

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.

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### **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.