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Schools of  
Art and  
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November 15, 2019

Dominick Tracy  
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California College of the Arts  
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Dear Associate Provost Tracy:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its October 2019 meetings, took action on the institution's application.

Please find enclosed a Commission Action Report describing this action in detail. This report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Commission. Please note the Association's policy regarding *Disclosure and Confidentiality*, a copy of which has been enclosed.

This action is taken based upon a review of California College of the Arts according to the NASAD accreditation standards in effect in October 2019.

As an accredited institutional member of NASAD, the institution is reminded of its responsibility to participate in reviews and revisions to the NASAD *Handbook*, and to maintain its operations and programs current with NASAD standards as these are developed and approved.

The Commission on Accreditation and the Association appreciate the institution's efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NASAD accreditation standards and guidelines. Further, the Commission and Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution on behalf of the visual arts and design and higher education.

Please contact the NASAD National Office staff if you have questions or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Karen P. Moynahan  
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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.

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**CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**  
**Oakland Campus**  
**San Francisco Campus**

**Action:**

**Action 1 of 1:** Application for renewal of Membership – Response

The Commission voted to accept the Response and grant renewal of Membership with the degree listing indicated below.

**NASAD Degree Listing:**

**Oakland Campus**

Bachelor of Arts-4 years: Visual Studies.

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Animation; Ceramics; Community Arts; Glass; Individualized Major; Jewelry/Metal Arts; Photography; Printmedia; Sculpture; Textiles.

**San Francisco Campus**

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Fashion Design; Film; Furniture; Graphic Design; Illustration; Industrial Design; Interaction Design; Interior Design; Painting/Drawing.

Master of Arts-2 years: Curatorial Practice; Visual and Critical Studies.

Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies/Master of Fine Arts in Fine Arts-3 years.

Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies/Master of Fine Arts in Writing-3 years.

Master of Design-3 semesters: Interaction Design.

Master of Fine Arts-2 years: Design; Film; Fine Arts.

Master of Fine Arts-2 years and 1 month: Comics.

Master of Fine Arts-3 years: Design (Industrial Design).

Master of Fine Arts-3 years: Design (Combination with Master of Business Administration: Design Strategy).

*Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies/Master of Arts in Curatorial Practice-3 years.*

*Master of Fine Arts-3 years: Design (Graphic Design, Interaction Design).*

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**Next Full Review:**

2028-2029 Academic Year

**Notes:**

1. The Commission notes the institution's initiatives to enhance health and safety training and compliance.
2. The Commission notes the institution's clear response to the May 2019 NASAD Commission Action Report and that the revised curricular chart clarifies the intent of the degrees: Master of Fine Arts- 2 years: Design; Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies/Master of Fine Arts in Fine Arts-3 years; and Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies/Master of Fine Arts in Writing-3 years.

**Completion of Process:**

The acceptance of this Response brings to a close the comprehensive evaluation process that began in 2018. NASAD appreciates the institution's extraordinary efforts clearly evident in its application. To assist with future planning, the institution may wish to note that its next comprehensive review is scheduled to be conducted during the 2028-2029 academic year.

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Executive Director

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