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Office of the President
June 19, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN DEGREE: COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Art History degree to Bachelor of Arts with a major in Art History and Visual Studies, (CIP Code: 50.0703, PROG: FA AHVS), effective in the Fall 2012 Semester.

Background: The proposed change gives students more options. Option #1 provides a traditional art history option with a strong liberal arts training and traditional art history focus. Option #2 provides an introduction to museology, that combines an emphasis on the academic and research side of museums (as contrasted with the more administrative and public relations aspects of arts administration majors) and some experiential, hands-on problem solving. Option #3 responds to a disciplinary trend in art history to expand its scope with visual studies, which provide majors with a broader, more interdisciplinary study of visual media.

This proposal has the approval of the Undergraduate Council, Senate Council and University Senate. The Interim Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____