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Office of the President
May 1, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree in Curatorial Studies, in the School of Arts and Visual Studies, within the College of Fine Arts, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester.

Background: The proposed MFA in Curatorial Studies is a three-year, hybrid online and residency program. It is a practice-based degree that prepares students for curatorial positions in a wide variety of community and arts organizations. The Curatorial Studies degree differs from a Museum Studies degree, in that the latter prepares students to work in museums. In contrast, the Curatorial Studies degree involves working with contemporary art and artists, and with community art groups and organizations. In addition, the proposed MFA degree will prepare graduates for teaching in postsecondary institutions. The unique character of the Program and its relatively low cost will attract high quality students nationwide and even internationally. Currently, there are few such programs offered in the United States and internationally.

The Program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. It has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____