

November 14, 2011

To: Gwen McMillon, Chair  
Senate Budget Review Committee

From: Lynn Galbreath Fausone, Chair  
BA in Graphic Design New Major Committee

Re: SBRC Response to Graphic Design Proposal

Thank you for your quick response on the Graphic Design Proposal. Below are our answers to your areas of concern. If committee members have any other questions or issues, please feel free to get back in touch with me and we will respond as soon as possible.

- *We note your concern about space. Please secure a commitment that space will be available when needed and/or show how the program will function effectively without the space.*

As noted in our Self Study section on Facilities (p. 10), the program can function for the first year without new space. If we reach our projected enrollments, we would need another dedicated lab/classroom by the second year. The department has already made a request for this space. If no additional space is made available for the second year, we will institute a portfolio review for students who want to enter the program in the second year, to keep the enrollment at the level that will be acceptable in the current facilities. The program will be able to function effectively without new space if the enrollment is capped.

- *Do you anticipate part time faculty costs decreasing as full time faculty are hired? Please explain.*

In the five-year budget projection (pp. 17-18), we have kept the part-time faculty costs stable (8 sections per year) over the entire five years. While we have included a full time faculty hire in year two and another in year four, the projected increase in enrollment means that we anticipate the need to continue with 8 sections per year taught by part-time faculty even as new full time faculty are hired.