

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Visual and Performing Arts School

Working Group #: 10

Chair: Greg Hartman

Date: February 15, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

This is the initial report. An introductory meeting with members of the working group was held on February 8, 2022, followed by a second meeting on February 15. Recurring future meeting dates were established.

Time was spent discussing the expectations and charge of establishing a School of Visual and Performing Arts with departments in music, performing arts, fine arts, and the relocation of the Department of Visualization to anchor new school.

Items of discussion included Performing Arts Center, overall space needs, programmatic review of current degrees and degrees for consideration. How do we create a school that is unique to all other schools, and attract high caliber students? Creating a school name that encompasses big picture will be critical.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

Identify what the new school will look like. Think big. We will examine what we currently have and put it into perspective to what we could have in the future. How do we build a school that is unique, offering a very high standard of excellence in all areas of arts education? A straw model will be created and discussed at the next meeting on February 22.

Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

No specific issues at this time. As we dive deeper, there will be issues as we get into specifics.

Deliverables Completed:

Identified current space for all units; created wish lists and ideas for consideration, discussed current FTEs and the need for faculty growth, identified current degrees offered.

Created a subcommittee to address the development of a performing arts center. This subcommittee will be chaired by Tim McLaughlin. At this time, core members include Marty Regan, Chris Bergeron, Ann Black; others will be pulled in as needed to address areas of expertise.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

February 22 – School straw model draft to be completed.