

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Date Reviewed: Oct 11, 2010

Documents Reviewed: New track in Ceramics for the Herron MFA in Visual Art and Public Life

Summary of Proposal:

This is a well written and clearly composed proposal for a new track in Ceramics for the Herron MFA in Visual Art and Public Life. Arguments are well made to justify the program.

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

Yes, the parent MFA degree is well established and the academic support, the facilities, and the administrative structure for this track are in place.

Very minor point – at times in the document edits have been made with smaller font sizes – this should be corrected before the proposal is submitted.

2. Is the program academically sound?

It is important to note that my expertise is as far from fine art as is possible.

But, yes, the track is proposed in accord with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) standards. These standards prescribe a set number of credits, a minimum length of study, and defined concentrations within the curriculum for specific topics. The proposal follows these standards and therefore appears to be very thorough and appropriate.

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

Yes

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

None are apparent – the proposal discusses the ceramics program at IUB and explains the different focus. Further, the Herron MFA program has demonstrated that its applicant pool is largely distinct from that of IUB.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

I recommend that this proposal go forward to the GAC.