

May 21, 2024

Doug Russell  
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University of Wyoming  
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Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Professor Russell:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its April 2024 meetings, took action on the institution's application.

Please find enclosed a Commission Action Report describing this action in detail. This report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Commission. Please note the Association's policy regarding *Disclosure and Confidentiality*, a copy of which has been enclosed.

This action is taken based upon a review of the University of Wyoming according to the NASAD accreditation standards in effect in April 2024.

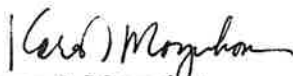
The institution, seeking accreditation with NASAD, is asked to participate in reviews and revisions to the NASAD *Handbook*, and is reminded to maintain its operations and programs current with NASAD standards as these are developed and approved.

The Commission on Accreditation and the Association appreciate the institution's efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NASAD accreditation standards and guidelines. Further, the Commission and Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution on behalf of the visual arts and design and higher education.

Please contact the NASAD National Office staff if you have questions or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Karen P. Moynahan  
Executive Director  
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Enclosure

cc: Edward Seidel, President  
University of Wyoming



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**COMMISSION ACTION REPORT**

This document provides the official action of the Commission as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

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**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**Department of Art and Art History**

**Action:**

**Action 1 of 1:** Application for Membership – Response

The Commission voted to accept the Response and grant Associate Membership with the degree listing indicated below.

**NASAD Degree Listing:**

Bachelor of Arts-4 years: Art Education; Art History; Studio Art.

Bachelor of Science-4 years: Design, Merchandising and Textiles (Apparel Design and Production, Interior Design, Merchandising).

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Studio Art; Visual Communication Design.

**Next Full Review:**

2028-2029 Academic Year

**Note:**

NASAD welcomes the institution as a newly accredited institutional member and asks that the institution review carefully the Association's policy pertaining to the printed recognition of membership (see *NASAD Handbook 2023-24*, Rules of Practice and Procedure, Part II, Article XII.).

**Commendation:**

The institution is commended on its thorough and timely responses.

**Completion of Process:**

The acceptance of this Response brings to a close the comprehensive evaluation process that began in 2021. NASAD appreciates the institution's extraordinary efforts clearly evident in its application. To



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assist with future planning, the institution may wish to note that its next comprehensive review is scheduled to be conducted during the 2028-2029 academic year.

  
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Karen P. Moynahan  
Executive Director

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**RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, PART II**

**ARTICLE XIII  
DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Section 1.** NASAD provides numerous services that include the publication of policy statements, reports, and surveys. These are available to the public, some for a fee. Upon request, NASAD will provide the academic and professional qualifications of the members of its policy and decision-making bodies and its administrative personnel.

**Section 2.** Upon request, NASAD will make publicly available all information about an institution/program that is published in NASAD literature (see Rules of Practice and Procedure, Part II, Article XI., Section 3.). NASAD will also indicate whether or not an institution/program holds or has held accredited membership.

**Section 3.** NASAD will not make publicly available any information supplied by the institution or by representatives of NASAD in the course of the accreditation process. This includes Self-Study reports, Visitors' Reports, and correspondence. While NASAD encourages institutions/programs to make publicly available information about their accredited status and to share accreditation materials with individuals and agencies having legitimate claim to information beyond that available to the general public, the Association regards all accreditation materials as the property of the institution. Therefore, release of these materials is either through the institution or by its permission.

**Section 4.** NASAD will not make publicly available any information provided in third-party comment or an institution's response to third-party comment or any correspondence related to third-party comment (see Rules of Practice and Procedure, Part II, Article IV., Section 1.).

**Section 5.** If an institution releases information that misrepresents or distorts any action by NASAD with respect to any aspect of the accreditation process, or the status of affiliation with NASAD, the chief executive officer of the institution and the program director, where applicable, will be notified by the NASAD Executive Director and informed that corrective action must be taken. If the misrepresentation or distortion is not promptly corrected, NASAD, at its discretion, may release a public statement in such a form and content as it deems necessary to provide the correct information.

The same rule and sequence are applied to individuals and organizations misrepresenting or distorting accreditation actions of NASAD.

NASAD reserves the right to correct false or misleading information at any time.

**Section 6.** Certain relationships yield information which legally cannot be disclosed without the consent of the person who provides it—for example, the relationship between physician and patient, between attorney and client, between clergy and penitent, etc. Should such information, or other information that is protected under law by a comparable privilege or safeguard, come into the hands of NASAD or an NASAD evaluation team, its disclosure to persons other than the immediate recipients is forbidden.

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**Institutional Evaluation of the Accreditation Process**

**PART II**

Your institution has just completed the NASAD accreditation process. We would appreciate your response to the following questions. This will enable us to monitor our effectiveness from the perspective of member institutions.

Please note that **Part I** of this evaluation is conducted only between receipt of the NASAD Visitors' Report and initial Commission action.

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It is confidential and will not be shared with  
any individual, committee, or commission.

Please return to:

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This questionnaire should require  
no more than ten minutes to complete.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements by responding to each with a number as appropriate to the categories shown in the guide below.

<u>Yes, Excellent</u>	<u>Yes, Satisfactory</u>	<u>For the Most Part</u>	<u>To a Limited Extent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
5	4	3	2	1	N/A

**A. Commission Action**

- 1. Commission action(s) reflected attention to all primary elements of the process such as the self-study, the report of the visiting evaluators, the optional institutional response, etc.
- 2. Commission action(s) dealt with major issues identified in the self-study.
- 3. Commission action(s) were consistent with NASAD's standards, procedures, and responsibilities as an accrediting agency.
- 4. Commissions action(s) were diagnostic, focused on function, rather than method, and left detailed solutions to the institution.
- 5. Additional comments about the Commission action:

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<u>Yes, Excellent</u>	<u>Yes, Satisfactory</u>	<u>For the Most Part</u>	<u>To a Limited Extent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
5	4	3	2	1	N/A

5. The accreditation review resulted in improvements to our art/design unit.

6. Additional comments about the process in general:

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**Name and title of individual completing this survey.**

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**Name of Institution**

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**Signature**

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**Date**