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Office of the President
June 24, 2016

Members, Board of Trustees:

CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS ADMINISTRATION:
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Department of Arts Administration in the College of Fine Arts, effective July 1, 2016.

Background: The Arts Administration Program, founded in 1988, prepares students for the challenges they will meet as professionals in the arts. The program's first degree offering, the Bachelor in Arts in Arts Administration, was one of the first undergraduate degrees in Arts Administration in the United States. The program has steadily grown in size. The Master of Arts in Arts Administration was added in 2013 as the first fully online graduate program at a public university in the United States. Its current enrollment is the largest among masters' degrees in the College of Fine Arts.

Arts Administration currently operates as an independent unit within the College of Fine Arts and would require no changes in its operations, funding, or administration. Departmental status will allow faculty in Arts Administration to benefit through inclusion in academic leadership programs and streamline approvals in the tenure and promotion processes.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____