

APPENDIX J

Request for Authorization to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Art Education at Fayetteville State University

Introduction

Fayetteville State University notified General Administration of its intent to plan a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education (13.1302) on June 20, 2005. FSU seeks authorization to establish the degree program effective August 2006.

Program Description

The goal of the proposed Bachelor of Science in Art Education is to prepare students intellectually and artistically to achieve success as a teacher in a public or private school environment, and to meet the requirements for certified art teachers. (Art is a core subject in the No Child Left Behind Legislation). FSU already offers a Bachelor of Art degree in Visual Arts. This proposed degree program will compliment the existing program and meet the need for a standards based arts education program. The proposed Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education meets the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's requirement for an initial "A" teaching license. Graduates will be able to apply knowledge, skills, and dispositions as a facilitator of learning in K-12 educational settings. Graduates will also demonstrate knowledge of traditional and contemporary art education movements, theories, and issues and be prepared to evaluate visual arts in relation to its history, cultures, and contemporary genres. The proposed degree program will be housed in the Department of Performing and Fine Arts in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The curriculum will require that students acquire a balance between being a creative artist and an art educator. The proposed 123 hour curriculum requires 45 credit hours in the College core, 37 credit hours in major art courses, six credit hours in a studio concentration, three hours of elective, and 32 credit hours in Professional Education.

Program Need

Surveys of students at FSU, Visual Arts alumni, Fayetteville Technical College, and art agencies (museums and art councils) indicate that there is a viable interest and pool of employers for certified art educators. Other national surveys indicate that there is also a need for standards based art education programs. It is estimated that in the Fall Semester 2006, a minimum of eight students will enroll in the program. By the end of the fifth year, there will be a minimum of 30 students enrolled in the proposed Bachelor of Science in Art Education. Various assessment techniques will be employed to evaluate the program's effectiveness and to improve the program. These include analysis of Praxis exams, accreditation reviews, student surveys, and feedback from employers.

Resources

The proposed program does not require any additional faculty for the initial years of the program. As the student enrollments in the program increase, additional faculty will need to be hired to teach required art courses. The program will be taught in the same building as the present Bachelor of Art degree in Visual Art, and the programs will share resources such as studio space and computer labs. All courses for the proposed program, except one, are currently

being taught at FSU. The need for future program resources will be funded from enrollment growth funds, as required.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the request to establish the Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education effective August 2006.