

Memorandum

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From: Terra Schehr, Associate Vice President or Educational Planning & Development

To: Undergraduate Chairs and Graduate Program Directors

Cc: Provost, Vice Provosts, and Associate Deans

Subject: Academic Program Review, Multi-year Schedule

Academic Program Review (APR) is a formal, periodic process that supports the ongoing assessment, renewal, and transformation of MICA's degree programs. As such, it is an opportunity to develop and articulate a clear vision for where the program wishes to be in the future and a plan for realizing that vision. APR is a spring-to-spring process that involves the completion of a program Self-Study, a visit and feedback provided by an external reviewer(s), and the completion of a Visioning Document.

Department Chairs, Program Directors, and Faculty are supported in the APR process by their Associate Dean and the Associate Vice President or Educational Planning & Development. When in full implementation, it is intended that each cycle of review will include up to six programs with each individual program undergoing formal review every 5-8 years.

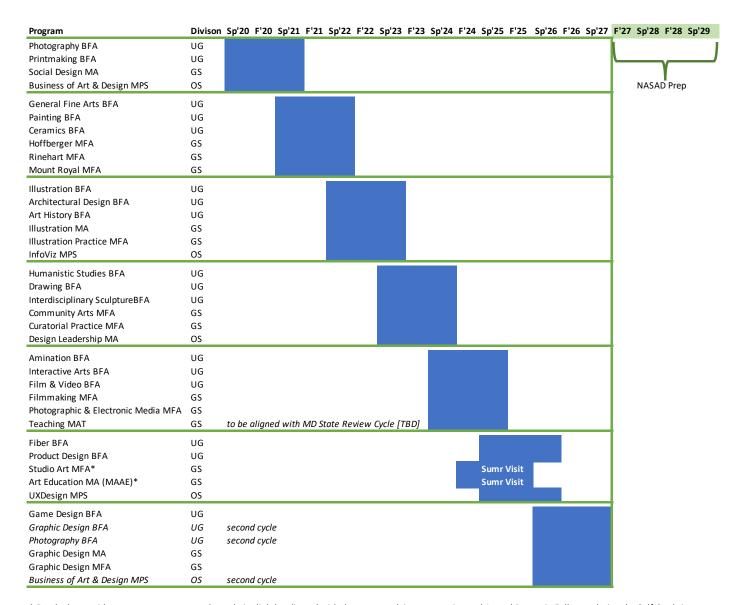
The multi-year schedule on the following page has been developed in consultation with the Provost and Vice Provosts in order to accommodate:

- A pilot year with four programs that provide a diversity of programmatic types as we tune our processes
- A desire in the out-years to have similar programs, that might be able to share external reviewers, in the same cycle
- Balancing the workload for the Associate Deans who have responsibility for coordinating the reviews and creating Summary document that describes common themes, suggested collaborations, and prioritized initiatives from the individual reviews

While adhering to a multi-year schedule is important for the College's and individual programs' planning purposes, there is some flexibility and a Vice Provost can call for a program to be reviewed before their scheduled date (p.3 of the accepted <u>Procedures and Guidelines</u>).

Note: FYE is not listed on the schedule. While FYE should be reviewed periodically and can follow a process similar to APR if that would be beneficial, APR as accepted by the faculty and Board of Trustees, applies only to degree programs (p.1 of the accepted <u>Procedures and Guidelines</u>).

I will be in touch with the programs and Associate Deans who are involved in the pilot in early spring to begin preparation.



^{*} For the low-residency summer programs, the cycle is slightly adjusted with the program doing preparation and Annual Report in Fall; completing the Self-Study in spring; hosting the visit/external review in the summer; and completing the Visioning Document in the following fall

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