

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Visual and Performing Arts School

Working Group: # 10

Chair: Greg Hartman

Date: April 12, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

Reports were provided by the following subcommittees:

1. Performing Arts Center
 - a. With currently high construction costs, may need to be thinking about where cutbacks can be made, or consider constructing the PAC in phases.
 - b. In addition to construction costs, costs to maintain and manage the building need to be considered;
 - c. Discussed various locations that could be considered for where the new PAC could be constructed; and
 - d. Considered the question of whether academics and performing arts need to be together, with the consensus that they should be together.
2. Bylaws
 - a. Bylaws should include flexibility to enable the Dean to manage the School, while still ensuring equitable representation across disciplines; and
 - b. Roles of the Associate/Assistant Deans were discussed, as well as various standing committees.
3. Promotion & Tenure
 - a. Reviewing University and various college and department guidelines; and
 - b. Working to support all disciplines and ensure mechanisms are in place for a fair consideration of measurements of excellence in all fields – which can vary greatly depending on the discipline.
4. Curriculum
 - a. Reviewing other curricular committee guidelines and standard operating procedures;
 - b. Anticipate starting with one committee for both undergraduate and graduate programs, splitting into two committees in the future; and
 - c. Would like to finalize movement of the degree programs and establishment of the School with the THECB, with an implementation date of September 1, 2022.

At the April 19th meeting, the Bylaws Subcommittee will present a draft set of Bylaws and the Curriculum Subcommittee will present draft processes for discussion by the working group. The following week, April 26th, the Promotion & Tenure Subcommittee will present draft guidelines for discussion by the working group.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

Once an interim dean of the school is appointed, the working group can make further progress on finalizing divisions, promotion and tenure guidelines, bylaws, and curricular process.

Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

None to date.

Deliverables Completed:

Initial draft organization chart was submitted March 31, 2022.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

April 26, 2022 – Anticipated size of the new School – faculty hires and student enrollment.