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November 13, 2015

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Dear Professor Smith:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its October 2015 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. As requested by the institution, a copy of this report is being forwarded to the individual listed below.

This action is taken based upon a review of Shepherd University according to the NASAD accreditation standards in effect in October 2015.

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,

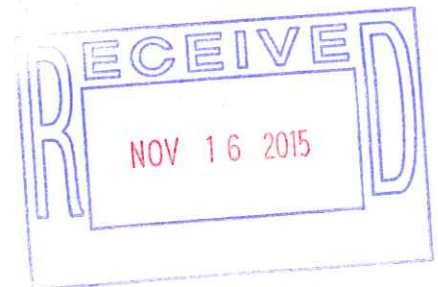
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COMMISSION ACTION REPORT

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

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SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY
Department of Contemporary Art and Theatre

Action:

Action 1 of 1: Application for Membership – Response

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

NASAD Degree Listing:

Bachelor of Arts-4 years: Art Education (Secondary).

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Art (Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Computer Imagery, Printmaking, Sculpture).

Next Full Review:

2020-2021 Academic Year

Commendation:

The Commission commends the institution for its thorough accreditation application.

Completion of Process:

The acceptance of this Response brings to a close the comprehensive evaluation process that began in 2012. NASAD appreciates the institution's extraordinary efforts clearly evident in its application. To assist with future planning, the institution may wish to note that its next comprehensive review is scheduled to be conducted during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Karen P. Moynahan
Executive Director

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NASAD Handbook

RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

PART II: ARTICLE XIII
DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

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