



March 24, 2022

Dr. Mary Grant
President
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
621 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

Dear President Grant:

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on March 3, 2022, the New England Commission of Higher Education considered the distance education progress report submitted by Massachusetts College of Art and Design and took the following action:

that the report submitted by Massachusetts College of Art and Design be accepted and the institution be granted general approval for distance education.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

The distance education progress report submitted by Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) was accepted and the institution granted general approval to offer distance education programming within the scope of its mission because the Commission finds the proposed activity to be in compliance with the *Standards for Accreditation* and relevant Commission policies. The Commission thanks MassArt for its detailed report on its distance education offerings. We understand that, as the pandemic evolved, the College “offered a range of instruction modalities to support continuing education of students.” The Commission notes with favor that a special governance committee was established “to assess and review teaching, learning, and advising practices.” Lastly, we appreciate that Massachusetts College of Art and Design is committed to “continuing to develop capacity in a multi-modal approach to working with students, advancing the goals of [its] strategic plan, and serving the needs of the Commonwealth.”

The Commission expressed appreciation for the report submitted by Massachusetts College of Art and Design and hopes that its preparation has contributed to institutional improvement. It appreciates your cooperation with the effort to provide public assurance of the quality of higher education.

You are encouraged to share this letter with all of the institution’s constituencies. It is Commission policy to inform the chairperson of the institution’s governing board and the head of the system of action on its accreditation status. In a few days we will be sending a copy of this letter to Elisa Hamilton and Carlos Santiago. The institution is free to release information about the report and the

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Commission's action to others, in accordance with the enclosed policy on Public Disclosure of Information about Affiliated Institutions.

If you have any questions about the Commission's action, please contact Lawrence M. Schall, President of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Tetler".

George W. Tetler
GWT/sjp

cc: Elisa Hamilton
Carlos Santiago

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