

**Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Graduate Education Council (GEC)
February 21, 2018
Tower 1101, 1:00-2:30pm
Minutes**

Members Present: Paul Paturzo, Lois Hetland, Juan Obando, Maggie Shirland, Dan Szabo
Advisors Present: Dave Carder, Aurelio Ramirez
Recording Secretary: Felicia D Scott

Call to Order

Chair Paul Paturzo called the meeting to order at 1:16pm.

1. Announcements

- GEC meetings will start at 1:15pm going forward.
- Paul Paturzo will bring strategic planning issues to GEC for a working session.
- The October 24 National Graduate Portfolio Day will be held at MassArt.
- Paul Paturzo will be making a Strategic Presentation to the Foundation Board on March 5.
- Due to construction, the Paine and Bakalar Galleries will not host the MFA Thesis shows summer 18-spring 2019. The MFA-BLR show will be in the DMC and students are comfortable exhibiting there. The Arnheim Gallery will also be closed. Add space planning to a future agenda.
- Members asked that the admissions strategy and statistics be addressed at a future meeting.

2. New Art Education Program Course Descriptions

Lois Hetland presented a list of course descriptions and numbers for the new M.Ed, BFA MA, and BFA MAT, and the current MAT and TPP programs for approval. Shared undergraduate/graduate programs courses are 500-level, first year graduate are 600-level, advanced or 2nd year graduate courses are 700-level. GEC recommended a few minor changes to language in several of the course descriptions.

Vote: On a motion by Paul Paturzo, and seconded by Dan Szabo, GEC voted unanimously to approve the course numbers, and the course descriptions with suggested changes, for the Art Education graduate and TPP programs.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 11/15/17 Meeting

On a motion by Paul Paturzo and seconded by Juan Obando, GEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 11/15/17.

4. MFA Elective Requirement Changes

Paul Paturzo briefly presented a proposal to change the MFA elective requirements. A written policy will be brought back to GEC for a vote at the next meeting.

5. GEC Statement to the President Regarding the MassArt Website

GEC discussed the MassArt website and a letter from GEC to the President regarding overarching changes members would like to bring forward. Members would like to have the letter sent from Academic Affairs and the Graduate Program together.

Adjournment

Chair Paul Paturzo adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.