

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Visual and Performing Arts School

Working Group: # 10

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Date: March 15, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

Several draft vision and mission statements submitted by working group members for the new school were discussed. The consensus for a school name was “School of Arts, Technology, and Performance”. The consensus for a draft vision statement was “Our unique community cultivates interactions between arts, science, and technology, both in theory and in practice. By pursuing excellence in education, research, and creative works, the school advances society through arts and creative media.” The group will have further discussions on a proposed mission statement. It was noted the school’s name should be included in the mission statement.

It was agreed the new school should be a stand-alone school vs. being administratively located within the new College of Arts and Sciences.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

Continue to create a model of sustainability for a high-level functioning school, ensuring it does not close off collaborations with other schools. Consider this school to be a community asset, it should give access to the community. The cities of Bryan and College Station have shown interest in the new school and Performing Arts Center. Look at alternative locations for the new school to encompass all units/departments in one location, keeping in mind transportation from main campus. Consider how to recruit new faculty to teach classes.

A decision matrix needs to be created and include consideration of evidence that students will come, students will have employment opportunities upon graduation, and the school and its programs are meeting a need in the state of Texas.

The academic programs within the new school need to be determined, both the initial programs and areas of future development. The Performing Arts Center sub-committee needs to look at space.

Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

None to date

Deliverables Completed:

A draft vision statement and school name have been created. These may be modified before being finalized.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

March 31st: Create a straw model of organizational structure and leadership; create an org chart