**To:** Meg Daly, Chair of ASCC

 **From:** Shari Savage, Member, ASCC Arts and Humanities Panel 2

 February 12, 2018

On Wednesday, January 17, 2018 the Arts & Humanities Panel 2 met and reviewed revisions to the MFA program plan as presented by the Fine Arts Department. Our panel felt the changes to the MFA program plan as detailed in their proposal were well-articulated and benchmarked to other institutions. A reduction in credit hours is also in line with other similar sized institutions and with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design’s (NASAD) expectations for graduate study in the fine arts. Additionally, proposed reductions to credit hour totals are more closely aligned with other current MFA program plans in the arts at OSU.

Most important, the newly revised MFA program plans acknowledge and allow for more robust research opportunities that support students as they prepare for and complete their MFA exhibition and written thesis requirements.

The panel unanimously approved the MFA program revisions with no contingencies and moved the proposal forward for an ASCC vote.

 Best,

 Shari L. Savage