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RE: Curriculum changes and additions regarding AE 889

Over the past few years, the Art Education department has been building a diverse set of professional training curriculum clusters offered at the graduate level. These include clusters in (1) arts management, (2) arts and cultural policy, (3) museum education, and (4) community arts. In each of these clusters, it is clear that an internship experience is a key component in professional development while it also helps students build or expand their professional networks. The opportunity to work in the field offers both a practical foundation for theoretical studies and helps to generate ideas for future research. As each of these occupations has professionalized, the internship experience has become a standard part of the growing number of similar graduate programs at colleges and universities across the country. The Art Education Department at the Ohio State University has been both a part of this curriculum evolution as well as a trend-setter in the range of such pre-professional internships that it requires. These range from the long-standing requirement for student teaching in its licensure program to both work and research internships in the four curriculum cluster areas listed above. We also propose to change the grading structure for this set of internship courses from a letter grade to S/U. Credit for student teaching experience has its own course numbers. It is now time to provide distinctive course names and numbers for other types of internship experience required or encouraged by the Art Education Department as part of its graduate programs.

Therefore, we are submitting the following package of new course requests and course change requests:

- a change in the name, grading structure, and description of AE 889 designed to make it a general internship course with four distinctive sections;
- a change in the listing for arts administration internships. Currently, this is listed as AE 889. We propose to change that listing to AE 889.01 and have revised the course description appropriately.
- a new course proposal for arts and cultural policy internships as AE 889.02. A new course cover sheet, including a short course description and a one-page information sheet is attached.
- a new course proposal for museum education internships as AE 889.03. A new course cover sheet, including a short course description and a one-page information sheet is attached.
- a new course proposal for community arts internships as AE 889.04. A new course cover sheet, including a short course description and a one-page information sheet is attached.