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MEMORANDUM

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Higher Education Accreditation & Program Approval

DATE: March 13, 2014

SUBJECT: **Full Approval Extension:** Delaware College of Art and Design

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary of Education in Title 8, General Corporation Laws, Section 125 – Conferring Academic or Honorary Degrees, The Delaware College of Art and Design, 600 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 has previously been granted **Full Approval** by The DE Department of Education to confer academic and/or honorary degrees based, in part, upon its status as an Accredited Member of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The last reaffirmed date of The Delaware College of Art and Design accredited status by the Commission was November 15, 2012.

The Delaware College of Art and Design has gone through a rigorous review by MSCHE consisting of the submission of self-study reports and on-site evaluation visits over the past several years, which has resulted in The Delaware College of Art and Design being extended formal accreditation of its Associate's programs through 2019-2020.

The next planned action for The Delaware College of Art and Design by MSCHE is the submission of a Self-Study Review Report due in 2015 that addresses continued progress by the institution on the Commission standards.

Title 14, Education, DE Administrative Code, §292 allows the Secretary of Education to grant or extend approval of institutions of higher education to confer academic and/or honorary degrees based upon this accreditation by The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, or another appropriate regional or specialized accrediting agency (DE C., 292, §5.4).

The Delaware College of Art and Design also holds accreditation status with The National Association of Schools of Art and Design through the 2014-2015 academic year. NASAD is an accreditor recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Based upon a review of the licensure and accreditation history of The Delaware College of Art and Design with the DE Department of Education, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, it is recommended that **Full Approval** status be extended for The Delaware College of Art and Design through December 31, 2018.

Approved *h*
Disapproved



Mark T. Murphy, Secretary of Education

 3/21/2014
Date